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## A photograph showing three crew members in a ship's control room. Two women and one man are looking intently at a large screen displaying a map or data. The room is dimly lit, with overhead lights and a yellow and black striped hazard sign visible on the ceiling.

**PATRICK HUTCHISON**/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Aviation ordnancemen assemble a Mark 83 practice bomb in a weapons magazine aboard the USS Kitty Hawk while under way last week. Pilots use the bombs during tactical training. The aircraft carrier operates from Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Ray Charles' death:** The mother of Ray Charles' 16-year-old son has asked a Los Angeles court to increase child support for the teenager from \$3,000 a month to at least \$60,000.

Mary Anne den Bok filed a petition Tuesday in which she says additional money from Charles' estate would provide Corey Robinson den Bok with "the lifestyle he enjoyed" before his father's death June 10.

Her petition seeks a minimum figure of \$60,000 a month but suggests the appropriate support should be \$240,800 per month.

A hearing was scheduled for Sept. 27 in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

**Ohio shootings:** Attorneys for the man accused in a series of highway shootings around central Ohio want to suppress any incriminating statements he may have made after his arrest March 17 in Las Vegas.

In a motion filed Friday, attorneys for Charles A. McCoy Jr. said detectives didn't let McCoy sign a Miranda rights waiver before he was interrogated.

McCoy's attorneys also said the statements weren't voluntary because he had not slept and had not taken his medication for paranoid schizophrenia.

McCoy, 28, is charged with 24 counts, including aggravated murder, murder and attempted murder.

**Hacking murder probe:** Police have seized surveillance equipment from the psychiatric hospital where Mark Hacking worked as an orderly and the convenience store where he was seen twice the night his wife, Lori, presumably died.

Hacking, 28, is accused of killing Lori Hacking, 27, while she slept and dumping her body in a trash bin. Authorities believe the bin is at the University of Utah Neuro-psychiatric Institute, Hacking's former employer.

The equipment taken from the hospital was a digital recorder for surveillance cameras, according to court files unsealed Friday.

**Houston man gets liver:** A Houston man's efforts to get a healthy liver with public pleas, including billboards and a Web site, succeeded as he underwent transplant surgery with a donated organ.

Officials at The Methodist Hospital said Todd Krampitz, 32, was recovering Friday in the intensive care unit, normal for all



**Iraq prison abuse:** A group of Iraq prisoners is released from Abu Ghraib prison Saturday on the outskirts of Baghdad. A soldier accused of abusing Iraqi prisoners at the prison has been arraigned on charges including maltreatment of subordinates, dereliction of duty and committing indecent acts with detainees, the military said Friday. Spc. Megan Ambuhl was arraigned Wednesday. Ambuhl and three other soldiers charged in the case will face a pretrial hearing in a U.S. military tribunal in Mannheim, Germany, on Aug. 23.

transplant patients, following successful surgery overnight. Krampitz, a newlywed, was diagnosed in May with liver cancer and by July his doctors said only a transplant would save his life.

## Business

**Google stock:** Google Inc. opened an unprecedented \$3 billion electronic auction for its shares Friday morning by vowing to fight any court challenges to its IPO stemming from a Playboy Magazine interview of its founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page.

The Securities and Exchange Commission could have forced Google to delay the IPO because of rules prohibiting hyping of a stock just before its sale to the public. But according to a person familiar with the decision, the SEC has opted not to delay the offering.

**Wal-Mart lawsuit:** A federal appeals court agreed Friday to hear Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s appeal of a San Francisco judge's order approving class-action status for a sex-discrimination lawsuit representing as many as 1.6 million current and former women employees.

The suit alleges that the retail giant set up a system that frequently pays its female

workers less than their male counterparts for comparable jobs and bypasses them for promotions.

## World

**Abu Sayyaf trial:** A southern Philippines court sentenced 17 members of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf militant group to death Friday for kidnapping nurses from a hospital there three years ago.

Only 13 of the defendants were at the heavily guarded court house in Isabela, capital of the southern Basilan island, where a clerk read the ruling that described a kidnapping spree that began with the mass abduction of more than 50 pupils, teachers and a priest in 2000 and continued with the taking of 17 Filipino tourists and three Americans a year later. Two of those Americans died.

**Afghan militia clashes:** Militias loyal to rival warlords clashed in western Afghanistan Saturday, sending tanks through the streets of a regional capital in the latest jolt to the country's shaky security ahead of national elections.

The U.S. military expressed concern about the violence — which one Afghan commander claimed left 21 fighters dead — but showed no sign of intervening.

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A U.S. Navy landing craft prepares to dock inside the USS Harpers Ferry on Saturday at White Beach Naval Facility on Okinawa. The Harpers Ferry and the USS Fort McHenry were to load about 1,000 Hawaii-based Marines, who deployed to Okinawa in July for a six-month training stint.

## 1,000 Marines receive orders to Middle East

BY DAVID ALLEN  
AND GREG TYLER  
Stars and Stripes

**WHITE BEACH NAVAL FACILITY, Okinawa** — The USS Fort McHenry and the USS Harpers Ferry, amphibious ships operating from Sasebo Naval Base in southern Japan, are providing transportation and troop support for about 1,000 Hawaii-based Marines deployed to Okinawa who have received orders to the Middle East.

A spokesman for Hawaii Marine Corps Base at Kaneohe Bay said the Marines are members of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, according to The Associated Press. The unit has been in Okinawa since early July on a regularly scheduled six-month deployment.

Asked last week by Stars and Stripes if Sasebo-based ships and/or Marines on Okinawa would deploy to the Middle East in the coming days, Japan-based Marine Corps officials and a spokesman for the Navy's Amphibious Group One did not provide confirmation or comment.

However, Hawaii's Staff Sgt. Jeff Middleton told the AP the Marines were scheduled to leave Monday for the Persian Gulf region. He said the orders from U.S. Central Command don't specify whether the Marines will go to Iraq or Afghanistan, or how long they will remain deployed.

The Fort McHenry and Harpers Ferry were observed making their way pier-side at White Beach Naval Facility on Saturday.

In the wire report, Middleton said only that the unit would be going to the Middle East "to join the war on terrorism."

However, Marine Forces Pacific spokesman Chuck Little said Central Command requested that the Okinawa unit replace a similar unit that's been in Afghanistan since February.

The deployment will boost the number of Hawaii troops in the Middle East to about 12,000, the AP report noted.

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# Okinawa officials clamor to investigate helicopter wreck

BY DAVID ALLEN  
Stars and Stripes

GINOWAN, Okinawa — Okinawa and U.S. military police secured the site where a Marine Corps helicopter crashed Friday while military officials considered a request from the Okinawa prefectural government to participate in the investigation.

And local police expressed frustration Saturday that they had not yet been allowed to examine the wreckage.

The CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter crashed Friday afternoon on the campus of Okinawa International University, about 330 yards from the fence line of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Eyewitnesses told police they saw the tail rotor of the helicopter detach and fall into a residential area near the university.

The helicopter then "zig-zagged" in the air as it descended, according to one witness, until it clipped the wall of the school's administration building and burst into flames.

The three crew members escaped. Two were treated at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lester for minor injuries. The third, with more serious injuries, was upgraded from critical to stable condition late Friday, a Marine Corps spokesman said.

The scene was quiet Saturday. Several small groups of Marines were encamped on both sides of the charred building, which was left of the wrecked helicopter lay scattered between the building and the street, cordoned off by yellow tape.

Earlier in the day, three Marines in asbestos gear and oxygen tanks inspected the remains of the charred helicopter, while Okinawa prefectural police were prohibited from entering the crash site.

"Nothing is going to be moved until the joint investigation is complete," said Marine 2nd Lt. Anthony Andriou, a Marine public affairs officer. He said the main crash has been secured and scattered bits of wreckage have been removed from the surrounding residential area.

An Okinawa police spokesman said helicopter debris was found at 18 other locations and some nearby homes were damaged. In the parking space of one home some 100 feet from the crash site the helicopter's tail rotor blade lay on a smashed moped.

No civilian casualties were reported.

"We're not going to move anything at the main crash site until the investigation is over," Andriou said. "The Okinawa prefectural police allowed us to leave Marines in the area around the scene to help secure the crash site."

"Everything at the site was secured by the Okinawa prefectural police with assistance from Marines," he said. "This is going to be a joint effort."

Andriou confirmed the helicopter was attached to the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265, or HMM 265, based at



DAVID ALLEN/Stars and Stripes

A rotor from a Marine Corps CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter that crashed into an Okinawa university campus building Friday in Ginowan smashed this moped about 100 feet from the crash site.

Futenma. The names of the three crew members were still being withheld Saturday.

HMM 265 was preparing to be deployed to the Middle East next week.

The road at the main entrance to the university was blocked to traffic and Okinawa riot police lingered in the area in case any new protest demonstrations erupted. Similar to an impromptu demonstration near the scene Friday night.

A banner in Japanese and English sponsored by the Student Self-Governing Association at Okinawa International University hung on the school's main gate. The words in English read, "Let us denounce the U.S. helicopter accident. Remove Futenma Bases!"

Okinawa police formally made the request to participate in the investigation on Saturday. Under the U.S.-Japan Status of Forces Agreement, which governs how U.S. troops are managed in Japan, local police need U.S. military approval to conduct investigations that involve U.S. military assets.

"In order to clarify the cause of the accident, it is necessary for us to conduct our own inspections, especially of the helicopter," Koshin Irahia, chief of criminal investigations, told local reporters.

"We would like the approval of the U.S. military to look into the cause of the accident."

Meanwhile, there were increased moves by Japanese officials to protest the incident and demand a thorough investigation. Both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' North American Affairs Bureau and the Defense Facilities Administration Agency submitted requests for preventive measures to be taken to avoid another incident.

In Tokyo, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said the accident was something that "should not have happened."

"It could have been a catastrophe," he told reporters.

Ginowan Mayor Yoichi Iha gathered with senior city officials Saturday to discuss how the city should respond to the accident. Iha has just returned from a trip to the United States to lobby for the closure of MCAS Futenma, which is located in the middle of his heavily developed city.

In a move to reduce the area occupied by U.S. bases on Okinawa, the U.S. and Japan agreed in 1996 to close MCAS Futenma once an alternate site for Marine air operations could be prepared. Construction of a new airport in the waters off northeastern Okinawa is still more than 10 years away, according to some Japanese officials.

After inspecting the site Friday, Iha told reporters, "I demand the prefectural and city governments be involved in this investigation and not entrust it solely to the U.S. military."

He returned to the school Saturday and was outraged that no Japanese officials were allowed to inspect the crash site.

"Who does Okinawa belong to?" he asked. "Japan or the U.S.?"

Saturday was the opening of Ginowan's annual Hagoromo Festival at the Ginowan Convention Center, and the city issued a request that the commander of MCAS Futenma, who had been invited as a special guest, and any one else affiliated with the U.S. military stay away.

Also Saturday, the local chapter of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party issued a statement calling for the immediate suspension of all flights from MCAS Futenma. And the local committee of Japan's Communist Party issued a demand for the "immediate and unconditional" closure of the air station.

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## Crash victims 'd

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Navy released the names Saturday of the four San Diego-based aviators killed in last week's crash of an S-3B Viking aircraft on a small Pacific island north of Two Jima.

The servicemen killed are:

- Lt. Patrick Sean Myrick, U.S. Navy, 31, Santa Monica, Calif.
- Lt. James Joseph Pupple, U.S. Navy Reserves, 34, Selden, N.Y.
- Lt. Cmdr. Scott Allen Zelle, U.S. Navy, 35, Indiana, Pa.
- Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua Brent Showalter, U.S. Navy, 24, Fontana, Calif.

A memorial service was slated Sunday aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis.

All four were assigned to Sea Control Squadron 35, based at Naval Air Station North Island, Calif.

They were killed Aug. 10 when their jet, flying from the Stennis, crashed into Kita Ito, an uninhabited, volcanic island with sheer sides about 45 miles north of Two Jima in the western Pacific Ocean.

At the time the crew was conducting a routine training mission with the Stennis and the USS Kitty Hawk carrier strike groups.

Two officials said Friday they had found the wreckage and identified two sets of remains.

Recovery operations on the island are continuing. The Navy is also conducting a mishap investigation into the cause of the crash.

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# Bush to announce overhaul of troops overseas

BY MIKE ALLEN  
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WASHINGTON — President Bush will announce Monday that he plans to pull up to 70,000 troops out of Europe and Asia in the first major reconfiguration of overseas military deployments by the United States since the Cold War ended, according to White House officials.

Bush, who will reveal his plan in a speech to the annual convention of the 2.6 million-member Veterans of Foreign Wars in Cincinnati, plans to say that the change is necessary to adapt the nation's military to the demands of the global war on terrorism and to take advantage of new technologies, said a senior aide involved in developing the plan.

Two-thirds of the reduction will come from Europe, most of them Army soldiers in Germany, and most of the troops will be reassigned to bases in the United States, the aide said.

Officials said some of the troops from Germany and South Korea will be moved to expansion countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Eastern Europe.

Currently, there are about 100,000 active-duty military members based in the Pacific, with main hubs in South Korea, Okinawa and mainland Japan, and about 106,000 based in Europe.

The plan is the latest iteration of a discussion that has been going on for several years between the Pentagon and the White House about reconfiguring troops abroad

now that the Soviet Union is extinct and the United States is the world's lone superpower. Administration officials have talked for more than two years about their intention to move 60,000 troops out of Europe, mostly from Germany, and 30,000 from East Asia, mostly from Japan and South Korea.

Bush's aides said he will use his speech at the Republican National Convention in New York next month to cast himself as the only candidate who can keep the nation safe and who understands the stakes in the war on terror.

The latest version of the plan was first reported Friday on the Web site of the Financial Times of London.

The official would not say how long the redeployment would take but said it would

involve lengthy negotiations with the countries where the troops are stationed.

The new plan flows from the notion that U.S. Army bases in Germany no longer serve a genuine military purpose. While the U.S. government believes it is important to retain at least one major air base in Germany — primarily as a way station for U.S. troops en route to Europe and the Middle East — the belief is that moving ground troops further east is a natural consequence of the post-Cold War expansion of NATO.

In East Asia, U.S. commanders recently have taken moves to reshape the U.S. military presence in South Korea, both moving troops from downtown Seoul and also redeploying troops southward from posts along the Demilitarized Zone to bases in the middle of South Korea.

## Kitty Hawk gets purr-fect razz

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY  
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS KITTY HAWK, Pacific Ocean — The razz was a little bit sooner than planned, but as Capt. Tom Parker, skipper of the oldest working ship in the fleet, says, "Never pass up gas, even five minutes' worth, unless it's bad weather."

It was sort of bad weather, with winds around 40 knots (46 mph) and 6- to 8-foot seas, because of a typhoon named Ramanui to the south. But the USS Kitty Hawk needed to fuel and cruise away from the storm so it could continue its mission flying planes, and maybe the weather would get worse. So the razz, or replenishment at sea, was moved up a couple of days as the Kitty Hawk cruised in the western Pacific earlier this week.

As the Kitty Hawk cruised along at 15 knots (17 mph), the USNS Yukon and its tremendous, serpentine gas hoses pulled alongside. Some 500 Kitty Hawk sailors got cracking, doing all the heavy lifting, complex calculations and tense ship driving needed to refuel the carrier as it cruised less than 200 feet away from the Yukon.

LT Cmdr. Bruce Deshotel of the deck department and his crew got ready on the wet, windy deck to shoot projectiles over to the Yukon from rifles, to start winching up the wires and cables that would bring the three giant gas hoses over to the carrier ports, as well as a rudimentary phone line so the ships could communicate.

Refueling, though dangerous, is routine, occurring every four or five days. And despite its danger, Deshotel said, or possibly because of it, his crew enjoys it. "It's a manly man thing," Deshotel said. "You're outside, and you're doing something dangerous. And it's better than chipping paint."

On the deck, one of the worst things that can happen is for a wire to snap and snake around the deck. Since they're under some 10,000 pounds of pressure, the wires can take off limbs. About five months ago, during a fueling, a line snapped, catching a sailor in the head, breaking his jaw and knocking out four teeth, according to Sea-

man Brian DuBois. When he came to, "He didn't want to leave," DuBois said, but the medics made him.

For the ship as a whole, the worst that could happen would be for the oiler and the carrier to collide. The goal is for the ships to remain about 170 feet apart. More than 180, the lines snap, and less than 160, "You start to see the whites of their eyes, and everybody gets scared," Deshotel said.

A collision results, as Parker put it, in "a change of command without the band."

Before the unexpected razz began, Senior Chief Petty Officer Elvis Buckhalter had given the crew, which included two new seamen who had just arrived the day before, a little pep talk.

"So far, so good," said Seaman Kim Trombong on her first day at sea and first razz. "Climbing up those rungs to the next deck as the wind blew past was kind of scary," she said. "But it's all pretty simple as long as everybody works together as a team."

Up many levels, on the bridge, Parker directed numerous officers, including the navigator and comint officer, as they steered the ship by degrees to keep the refueling going smoothly, even as the USS Chancellorsville pulled up on the oiler's other side to refresh its fuel tanks.

It was a little scary up there, too. One coming officer said his hands were shaking when he started, and coming officer Lt. Andrew Schreiber still was glowing after her 45 minutes or so of intensely focused work. "In, out, in, out — it was ... sporty," she said. "It gets your adrenaline going."

A little before 2 p.m., Parker said, "We'll call it a day," and the hoses and the wires were pulled back and put away. The Kitty Hawk had taken on 425,000 gallons of fuel, including 100,000 called "Battlecat magic motion lube" by Parker — and 350,000 gallons of jet fuel.

The Kitty Hawk increased its speed to 20 knots to break away from the Yukon and, in keeping with tradition, a breakaway song was played. "Are You Gonna Be My Girl," by Jet.

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The USS Kitty Hawk, sailing in the western Pacific Ocean, makes its approach to the oiler USNS Yukon to commence a replenishment-at-sea last week.

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# Deadly game of hide-and-seek inside cemetery

BY TODD PITMAN  
The Associated Press

**NAJAF, Iraq** — The platoon leader's call came crackling over Charlie Company radios: "We're taking RPG fire, 800 meters! Small arms fire, 300 meters!"

With night falling, the soldiers of the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division were being attacked again by militants creeping toward them by tombstone toward them in Najaf's sprawling cemetery, a killing field neither side has managed to secure in more than a week of sporadic fighting.

"You have to give them credit," Sgt. 1st Class Mike Dewilde said after a brief firefight with insurgents Thursday in a cemetery zone. "They do an amazing amount with what little they have."

The men of the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment had been patrolling a dusty road that cuts into the graveyard's heart for eight hours to prevent militants loyal to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr from moving north.

When pockets of fighter's got too close, they called in Apache helicopter gunships and pressed forward with only the faintest resistance, then pulled back. Mostly, it was quiet, and Charlie Company commander Capt. Patrick McFall spent a lot of time gazing over a computerized satellite map of the graveyard in his armored Humvee.

Near dusk, however, the crackle of gunfire and explosions rang out again.

Several Bradley fighting vehicles and half a dozen Humvees sped up to a deserted intersection on the cemetery's northeastern edge, scanning the tombstone-filled horizon with binoculars and gun turrets.

Dewilde, leader of the 3rd Platoon, told McFall that eight men with rocket-propelled grenades and "multiple snipers" had been spotted in the graveyard and buildings rising behind it near the Imam Ali shrine.

U.S. commanders are under strict orders to avoid damaging the shrine for fear of enraging Iraq's Shiite majority and Shites worldwide.

For that reason, they maintain positions in the cemetery about 800 yards away.

Sgt. 1st Class Pte. 24 of Gardnerville, Nev., said he'd seen three men repeatedly firing from a building near the shrine. "They jump out and fire RPGs and jump back inside," he said.



**American soldiers aboard a Bradley armored vehicle move toward militant positions Thursday in the expansive cemetery in the holy Shiite city of Najaf, Iraq. Fighting in the cemetery offers anti-American fighters plenty of hiding places from which to stage attacks on troops and escape safely.**

A small infantry unit of about 15 men scrambled for forward looking for firing positions. Some lay in the middle of a small path leading south.

A Bradley positioned in the road started pumping thunderous rounds from its 25 mm cannon, and gunners perched on four machine-gun mounted Humvees began shooting.

A three-man team led by Dewilde ran up the steps of a mausoleum whose square, walled-in concrete roof provided ideal cover. They laid rifles across the upper edge of the wall and began shooting.

After a few minutes, orders came to move ahead.

Laden in heavy body armor and helmets, the infantrymen jogged behind their huge Bradley as it pushed further into the cemetery.

Advancing slowly, they ducked behind tombs and peeked flashlights mounted on their guns down crypts.

"The problem is these guys can hide behind anything out here," said Spc. Joel Klootwyck of Knoxville, Iowa, poking a gun over a wall. "You gotta wait for them to shoot before you know where they're at."

After a 10-minute walk, the three-man group burst into a white-walled mausoleum. The entryway was empty, the glass in its arched windows shattered.

There was no sign of their attackers.

"The closer we get, the scarier they get," said Dewilde, 37, of Gatesville, Texas. "When we move forward, they move back."

# Najaf peace talks said to collapse

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN  
AL-OBEDI  
The Associated Press

**NAJAF, Iraq** — Negotiations to end the fighting in Najaf broke down Sunday, threatening to spark a resurgence of the fierce clashes between Shiite militants and a combined U.S.-Iraqi force that have plagued this holy city for more than a week.

The collapse of talks will likely cast a pall of Iraq's National Conference, which starts Sunday, gathering 1,300 delegates from all over Iraq in what is considered a vital step toward establishing democracy.

The chief government negotiator said he decided to quit the talks in Najaf after three fruitless days, but representatives of militant cleric Muqtada al-Sadr said a deal had been all but reached before interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi personally intervened to quash it.

"It is a conspiracy to commit a big massacre," al-Sadr's top negotiator, Sheikh Ali Smeisim, told the pan-Arab Al-Jazeera television station.

U.S. forces called a halt to a major offensive in the city on Friday to give negotiations a chance. The fighting in Najaf has angered many in Iraq's Shiite majority, complicating a difficult situation in Baghdad's U.S.-backed government, which has been keen to show it is in control.

The chairman of the National Conference, Foad Masoum, insist-

ed the violence would not affect the three-day gathering.

"This is a perfect time for the conference to discuss the current problems and find solutions," he said.

From as far away as Baghdad arrived in Najaf on Saturday to show their solidarity with the militants and act as human shields to protect the city and the Imam Ali shrine, where fighters from al-Sadr's Mahdi Army have taken refuge since the fighting started Aug. 5.

Amid worries that fighting would resume, Coalition officials reiterated Saturday they would not enter the shrine.

"It is not out intention to go anywhere near the holy sites. We understand their significance to the Shia and we respect the Shia," Maj. Gen. Andrew Graham, deputy commanding general of the Multinational Force, told The Associated Press. "The irreverence — is [al-Sadr's] and not ours."

During the negotiations, al-Sadr commanded a U.S. withdrawal from Najaf, the freeing of all Mahdi Army fighters in detention and amnesty for all the fighting in exchange for dismissing his followers and pulling them out of the shrine and Najaf's old city, where they have taken refuge, aides said.

After days of discussion — and just hours after Najaf's governor said he believed a breakthrough was imminent — U.S. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said al-Rubaie announced the talks were over.

"Our goal was to spare blood, preserve security and for the militias to put down their weapons," he said.

"We have been talking and discussing these matters for three days, but reached no positive conclusion," he said. "After three days, my government thought there was no use in continuing."

However, Qais al-Khazali, al-Sadr's spokesman in Najaf, said a deal had been reached and al-Sadr — who was not in the talks himself — had signed it when "we were surprised that they got instructions from Dr. Alawli to leave." After nearly two days of quiet during the negotiations, al-Khazali predicted an impending government offensive and appealed to "Arab and Islamic countries to firmly stand up against this massacre." The U.S. military also announced Saturday that one Marine and one U.S. soldier were killed in separate incidents Friday in the volatile Anbar Province.

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# GAO: Stryker weight limits C-130 range

By THOMAS E. RICKS  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Army's new medium-weight armored vehicle, the Stryker, weighs so much that it curtails the range of C-130 military cargo aircraft that carry it and under certain conditions make it impossible for the planes to take off, a new report for Congress found.

"The Stryker's average weight of 38,000 pounds — along with other factors such as added equipment and less-than-ideal flight conditions — significantly limits the C-130's flight range and reduc-

es the size force that could be deployed," said the Government Accountability Office, the watchdog arm of Congress.

Indeed, the report said, a C-130 with an average-weight Stryker wouldn't even be able to take off from higher elevations in Afghanistan, such as Bagram or Kabul, during daylight hours in summer.

The findings support the claims of critics that the eight-wheeled Stryker — now in use in Iraq — won't be able to meet the original goal of being able to roll into a C-130, be flown 1,000 miles and leave the plane

immediately able to engage in combat. When 2,000 pounds of associated equipment such as ammunition is loaded into the aircraft with the typical Stryker vehicle, the report said, the C-130's range is about 500 miles — and much less if heavier equipment is loaded. The report noted that the Army subsequently has dropped that 1,000-mile range requirement for the system.

The Stryker program — expected to have a total cost of \$8.7 billion for acquiring about 1,800 vehicles — is the centerpiece of the Army's controversial attempt in

recent years to move away from heavy, tank-oriented forces and become more agile, both in getting to the battlefield and in maneuvering on it. Critics, however, worry that the Stryker is too vulnerable to enemy fire, and that attempts to strengthen it would decrease its ability to be deployed.

Indeed, two years ago, those critics had gained so much attention that the Army put on a demonstration in which four of the combat vehicles were airlifted to Andrews Air Force Base. Before an audience that included one leading skeptic, former House speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), a

C-130 pulled up in front of a hangar, dropped its ramp, and off-loaded a Stryker and all its gear, plus two crewmembers and nine infantrymen, in less than 10 minutes.

But the GAO report found that the weight of the Stryker and its gear and crew make such a scenario unlikely in a real combat deployment, because it probably would be necessary to move much of the "equipment, ammunition, fuel, personnel and armor on separate aircraft." After being unloaded from the C-130s, the Strykers then would be outfitted with their armor and prepared for combat.



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## IN THE WORLD

# Officials: At least 180 refugees massacred

## Burundian Hutu rebels attack a U.N. camp sheltering Congo Tutsis

BY ALOYS NIYOVITA

The Associated Press

BUJUMBURA, Burundi — Attackers armed with machetes and automatic weapons raided a U.N. refugee camp in western Burundi, shooting and hacking to death at least 180 people, U.N. officials said.

Burundian Hutu rebels claimed responsibility, insisting the camp for Congolese Tutsi refugees fleeing tribal fighting was a hide-out for Burundi army soldiers and Congolese tribal militiamen.

U.N. officials visiting the camp after the attack said it sheltered ethnic Tutsi refugees, known as the Banyamulenge, who fled fighting in Congo's troubled border province of South Kivu.

"What we have seen so far are many, many, many bodies of children, women and men," Eliana Nabasa, spokeswoman of the U.N. mission in Congo said. "People were sleeping when the attack happened. People were killed as they tried to escape."

Isabelle Abric, spokeswoman for the U.N. mission in Burundi, said 159 people were killed on the spot and 101 others were wounded in the attack in Gatumba, 12 miles from the Congolese border town of Uvira. At least 30 of the wounded died later in hospital, she said.

Pasteur Habimana, spokesman for the National Liberation Forces, justified the attack, saying Burundian soldiers were hiding in the camp, located less than 62 miles

from an army position.

A spokesman for the Burundian army could not be immediately reached for comment.

However, a spokesman of the U.N. refugee agency said the attackers raided a nearby army camp before attacking the refugees.

Burundian President Domitien Ndayizeye visited the camp Saturday and described the massacre as "a shame" and asked the Congolese government to assist in investigations.

Congo's President Laurent Kabila said he "energetically condemns this ignoble act," and demanded an international investigation.

In a statement, Kabila also called on the Burundian government and the U.N. refugee agency to secure the area and protect "the vulnerable population."

The attack occurred one day after Congolese Vice President Azarias Rulerwa visited the camp to encourage the refugees to return home.

United Nations officials are studying whether the attack was carried out with the assistance of Congolese tribal fighters known as the Mayi Mayi or Rwandan rebels based in eastern Congo, she said.

The attack will further complicate U.N. efforts to encourage Congolese refugees to return home, said M'Hamed Ladjuji, head of the U.N. mission in Congo's troubled North Kivu province.

## Ailing pope pays visit to Lourdes

BY ANGELA DOLAND

The Associated Press

LOURDES, France — A frail Pope John Paul II joined other ailing pilgrims Saturday for a week-end of prayer at a cliffside shrine to the Virgin Mary, where Roman Catholics seek hope, inner peace and miraculous cures.

At Lourdes' shrine, the 84-year-old pope was lifted out of his wheeled throne and knelt for a moment on a kneeler, trembling as he prayed before the ivy-covered grotto, where Mary is said to have appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. After less than a minute



Pope John Paul II prays at the Virgin Mary shrine cave in Lourdes, southwestern France, on Saturday. Pope John Paul arrived in Lourdes for a two-day pilgrimage to the Roman Catholic shrine whose waters are said to bring miraculous healing.

he slipped, and aides immediately steadied him and lifted him back into his chair.

Then, following a Lourdes cus-

tom, he sipped a glass of water from the spring that flows underground, believed by many to have curative powers.

Later Saturday, John Paul returned to the grotto and delivered a brief speech.

Pilgrims from around the world poured into Lourdes, a small town nestled in the Pyrenees, for the pontiff's two-day visit. Lourdes' grotto is associated with miraculous cures for the sick. Thousands of people have claimed to have been healed, and the church has recognized 66 claims as official miracles.

## Pakistan leader vows to crush foreign terrorists

BY MATTHEW PENNINGTON

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf vowed to crush foreign terrorists and appealed to citizens to reject extremism as police arrested two key suspects in a suicide bombing against the prime minister designate.

Authorities also claimed to have foiled a terrorist plot to sabotage celebrations of the 57th anniversary of Pakistan's independence from British rule that went ahead Saturday amid tight security.

Since mid-July, Pakistan has nabbed more than 30 terrorist suspects and unearthed valuable al-Qaida intelligence that has led to a dozen more arrests in Britain and a terror alert in the United States.

Musharraf, a key ally of America in its war against terrorism, appealed to his fellow citizens to reject extremism and intolerance and "fight off elements who want to push Pakistan into darkness."

The state Attorney General of Pakistan news agency reported that security forces had nabbed a

"number of potential terrorists" in raids throughout the country, foiling a plot to attack important government installations on Independence Day.

Officials, however, refused to divulge details of the reported plot or the arrests.

In eastern Punjab province, police and intelligence agents captured the alleged coordinator of the July 30 assassination attempt against Shaukat Aziz, the finance minister who is set to become the next prime minister in the coming weeks.

The suspect, Qari Noor Mohammed, an Afghan cleric, was arrested late Friday at his seminary in the industrial city of Faisalabad. Also, Mohammed Inan, a Pakistani also accused in the attack, was captured in the eastern town of Jauharabad, an intelligence official said in a document of anonymity.

Musharraf has since stepped up efforts to break al-Qaida's network in Pakistan, including a series of military operations in a lawless tribal region near the Afghan border which has been used as a refuge by Arab and Central Asian militants and a terror-training base.

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## IN THE STATES

# Charley flattens Fla.; at least 15 dead

## Massive damage, power outages plague state as storm moves into Carolinas

BY MARK LONG AND  
ALLEN G. BREED  
The Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — Rescuers rumaged through a chaotic landscape of pulverized homes and twisted metal Saturday, racing to tally Hurricane Charley's "significant loss of life" and help thousands left homeless by its vicious winds and rain. At least 15 people were confirmed dead.

As a weakened Charley churned into the Carolinas and was downgraded to a tropical storm, newly sunny skies revealed its destruction in Florida, where emergency officials pronounced it the worst to wallop the state since Hurricane Andrew tore through in 1992.

"Our worst fears have come true," said Gov. Jeb Bush, who surveyed the devastation by helicopter. Florida officials predicted damage from the Category 4 storm could top \$15 billion — as much as the earthquake in Northridge, Calif., in 1994.

Ten deaths had been confirmed in Charlotte County, said Wayne Sallade, the county's director of emergency management, but no exact death toll was available. "It's Andrew all over again," Hsiao said.

Sallade said "thousands upon thousands of people" lost their homes.

Hundreds were unaccounted for in the county, which includes Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte, the apparent hardest-hit areas. Extensive damage was also reported on exclusive Captiva Island, a narrow strip of sand west of Fort Myers.

"Where do we go now? What do we do?" said 69-year-old Barbara Seaman, standing by the shell of a demolished building in Punta Gorda's Windmill Village Tractor Park.

The storm and its 145-mph winds knocked out power to some 2 million homes and businesses as it crossed from the southwest coast at Punta Gorda to the Atlantic at Daytona Beach. Some 1.3 million remained without power Saturday afternoon, emergency officials said.

President Bush, the governor's brother,



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declared Florida a federal disaster area and sent a military team to help process bodies. The president planned a visit Sunday to survey damage, and Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, in a statement, offered "heartfelt sympathies."

The hurricane rapidly gained strength in the Gulf of Mexico after crossing Cuba and swinging around the Florida Keys as a more moderate Category 2 storm Friday morning. An estimated 1.4 million people were evacuated in anticipation.

When it hit, the storm upended trucks, twisted traffic lights into unrecognizable shapes and lifted entire houses atop neighbors' homes. Entire trailer parks were splintered to their foundations and dazed residents wandered around neighborhoods, gathering miscellaneous belongings. At the Port Charlotte airport, small planes were stacked and snapped apart like toys cast off by an angry child.

"I've been through typhoons in Guam and I've never seen anything like this," said Charles Charwat, an 84-year-old retiree in Ormond Beach, on Florida's east coast.

As recovery efforts began, Florida officials warned against price gouging and said violators would face heavy fines.

Hundreds of miles north, Charley's course took it across open ocean, missing the westward curving shore of Georgia. It made its second landfall on South Carolina's Grand Strand resort region, which was nearly empty after a mandatory evacuation of some of the area's 180,000 tourists and residents.

National Guard troops were on duty Saturday in North Carolina, where a mandatory evacuation order was in effect for vulnerable coastal areas hit less than two weeks ago by Hurricane Alex.



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Above: A renter bows his head as a fire from a home next door approaches his apartment Friday afternoon after Hurricane Charley passed through Fort Myers Beach, Fla. Left: Employees of Beachcomber Liquors in Port Charlotte, Fla., look at the damage caused by the hurricane Friday.

In Virginia, Gov. Mark R. Warner declared a state of emergency.

Charley-related weather was forecast as far north as Massachusetts, the New York metropolitan area and swaths of northern Pennsylvania.

All of New Jersey was under a flood watch Saturday afternoon.

Thirty-one mobile-home parks in Charlotte County sustained major damage, some with more than 1,000 units, said Bob Carpenter, a sheriff's spokesman. He said teams were sent to each park to search for bodies and survivors, but "we just couldn't get the vehicles in — there is so much debris."

Three hospitals in the county sustained significant damage, Sallade said. Officials at Charlotte Regional Medical Center in Punta Gorda said they were evacuating all patients Saturday.

"This place just isn't safe," said Peggy Greene, chief nursing officer.

## Damage report

Here is a look at the path of destruction from Hurricane Charley:

■ **Florida:** At least 15 people were killed, hundreds were unaccounted for and thousands were homeless. More than 2 million utility customers lost power.

In Charlotte County, which includes Punta Gorda: Ten dead, three hospitals out of service because of damage. Charlotte Regional Medical Center evacuating all patients. Emergency Operations Center not operational. Two shelters significantly damaged. Sheriff's office destroyed. Seven fire stations destroyed.

Thirty-one mobile home parks suffered major damage.

In Lee County, which includes Fort Myers: County property appraiser estimates 250,000 buildings structures, homes and churches were damaged, causing just under \$3 billion in damage.

■ **South Carolina:** Grand Strand resort area evacuated and nearly emptied of 180,000 tourists and residents. About 65,000 customers lost power, including 32,000 in the Charleston area.

■ **North Carolina:** Gov. Mike Easley declared state of emergency. Mandatory evacuation in vulnerable areas of Brunswick County and on Ocracoke Island, which is accessible only by ferry.

— The Associated Press

## Some choose to stay for Charley's 'show'

BY BILL KACZOR

The Associated Press

Barbara Johnson says she probably won't do it again, but she's glad she stayed behind to ride out Hurricane Charley in the Florida barrier island community of Sanibel.

"It was quite a show," the retired librarian said Friday. "I almost enjoyed it."

Cheryl and Robert Anderson said they stayed because they both felt it and they also wanted to stay with their six birds. They found themselves in the eye of a storm packing winds of more than 100 mph.

"I wouldn't recommend it," said Cheryl Anderson, 59, guest relations manager for a Sanibel resort. "As I was sitting in the bathtub I was asking, 'Why am I doing this?'"

She said Charley sounded just like a tornado that she survived as a girl in Missouri, but the hurricane was worse because it lasted longer.

Johnson decided to stay in her second-floor apartment and get a close-up look at Mother Nature's fury because she had nowhere else to go.

She said there appeared to be only superficial damage to her building, with water pooled about a foot deep in the courtyard.

Up the coast in Punta Gorda, Don Paterson walked along a roadside, with blood trickling from his head and a glazed look in his eye.

The 68-year-old Army veteran said he was sitting the kitchen of his mobile home when a flying microwave oven hit him in the head and then the refrigerator fell on him.

"I'm pinned and then a huge gust came, and I'm unpinned," Paterson said.

Jerry Yeomans, 52, was getting ready to work a midnight shift helping clear roads and putting signs back up. The Florida Department of Transportation employee rode out the storm in the same Fort Myers neighborhood where he survived another hurricane unscathed when he was a youngster, in 1960.

"I went through Hurricane Donna right up the street from this house," Yeomans said. "I really didn't see a need for evacuating."



Linda Pietz, of Port Charlotte, Fla., steps over debris from her mobile home early Saturday.





James E. McGreevey, left, arrives at a campaign stop in New Jersey with Golan Cipel, right, in this 2001 photo. Gov. McGreevey announced his resignation Thursday and acknowledged that he had an affair with Cipel, an Israeli poet who worked briefly for the governor as a homeland security adviser.

## Cipel: Jersey governor made sexual advances

### Seasoned N.J. senator to act as governor

The Associated Press

WEST ORANGE, N.J. — The state senator who will become New Jersey's acting governor is an old-fashioned politician with a penchant for one-liners — a 30-year veteran who has weathered political battles and personal struggles.

Senate President Richard J. Codey — set to take over from Democratic Gov. James E. McGreevey on Nov. 15 and to



Codey

stay until January 2006 — promised Friday that New Jersey state would be "in very good hands."

"I am honored to take on this responsibility, and I will put my complete effort to the task ahead," Codey said a day after McGreevey's startling admission that he had an affair with another man and would resign.

"He understands the important role we bring as an equal branch of government," said Democratic Assemblyman Louis Greenwald of Camden.

BY JOHN CURRAN

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Was he a powerful politician, forcing himself on a young aide? Or was it consensual? A day after New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey made history by announcing his resignation, shedding new light on the relationship that brought down the first-term Democrat and forced him to come out as a gay man.

Cipel, 35, said McGreevey made repeated sexual advances toward him and now blames the governor for a "smear campaign," shedding new light on the relationship that brought down the first-term Democrat and forced him to come out as a gay man.

Cipel, a former security adviser, made his comments Friday through attorney Allen Lowy, who read a statement but did not take questions from reporters at a news conference in New York.

"While employed by one of the most powerful politicians in the country, New Jersey Governor McGreevey, I was the victim of repeated sexual advances by him. Such conduct and McGreevey's behavior caused me such emotional distress and turmoil," according to Cipel's statement.

"When I finally dared to reject Governor McGreevey's advances, the retaliatory actions taken by him and members of his administration were nothing short of abuse and intimidation," he said.

Calling himself vindicated by McGreevey's public admission, Cipel said all he had wanted was

for McGreevey to take responsibility for his "horrible actions."

McGreevey and his camp insist it was a consensual affair between the twice-married governor and the political novice he put on New Jersey's payroll in 2002 as the state's director of homeland security at \$110,000 a year.

"These are completely and totally false allegations from a person trying to exploit his relationship with the governor," McGreevey spokesman Micah Rasmussen said.

One high-ranking McGreevey administration member said Cipel threatened McGreevey with a sexual harassment lawsuit unless Cipel was paid millions of dollars.

The FBI is investigating McGreevey's allegation that a former employee tried to blackmail him, according to a federal law enforcement source who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. A lawyer for McGreevey called the FBI the day before to report the extortion attempt, the source said.

McGreevey never mentioned Cipel during his dramatic, nationally televised news conference Thursday.

McGreevey's shocking announcement is probably only the first of many damaging disclosures, GOP leaders said Friday. State Republican Chairman Joe Kyriillos said McGreevey should step down now, rather than Nov. 15 date he announced, and allow for a special election to replace him.

Associated Press political writer John McApin contributed to this story.

## Judge removes hurdle for vote on legalizing marijuana in Nevada

Petition must be validated in order for measure to appear on November ballots

BY KEN RITTER

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A federal judge Friday breathed new life into an initiative to legalize up to one ounce of marijuana, declaring unconstitutional two petition requirements that left the measure short of qualifying for the ballot.

However, Judge James Mahan refused to order the marijuana issue placed on the Nov. 2 ballot. Instead, he said verification of the 60,000 names on petitions was to determine if supporters reached the required 51,337 valid signatures.

"If you've got the signatures, then it's on the ballot," Mahan told lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada, the Committee to Regulate and Control Marijuana, and the Marijuana Policy Project.

A previous count using sampling techniques showed signatures fell 1,024 short of the requirement. County election officials have until Aug. 31 to verify signatures.

Matthew Brinkerhoff, a law-

yer representing the two marijuana advocacy groups, said there was "a decent likelihood" of qualifying the initiative to let Nevada adults possess and use one ounce of marijuana.

Nevada voters have approved the use of marijuana for medical reasons.

Because the latest measure would amend the Nevada Constitution, voters would have to approve it in November and again in 2006 before it could take effect.

In his ruling, Mahan invalidated Nevada's 13 county laws because it gave more weight to rural counties than populous areas.

The rule required initiative supporters to collect signatures from at least 10 percent of the number of voters who cast ballots in the most recent general election in at least 13 of the state's 17 counties.

He also declared Nevada's "dual affidavit" requirement unconstitutional; it requires the person collecting signatures to vouch for the validity of names on both the petition and on a separate document.

## Seventh Texan dies of flesh-eating bacteria

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Houston dentist has died after a flesh-eating bacteria invaded a cut on his hand while he was fishing near Port O'Connor about a month ago.

Dr. Kenneth Dean Creamer, 52, died late Thursday in a Victoria hospital where he had been treated since July 17, two days after he was exposed to the salt-water bacteria vibrio vulnificus.

Creamer is the seventh vibrio-related death in Texas this year, officials said. At least a dozen Texans have been injured by the bacteria as well, according to the Texas Department of Health.

Another man on Creamer's fishing-contest outing was infected by a different strain of the bacteria. He was released from the Victoria hospital on Monday after more than three weeks of treatment, including several surgeries to remove tainted flesh. His survival was attributed to swift medical treatment after exposure, officials said.

Creamer apparently got a minor cut on his leg July 15 when he slipped on a dock. The following day, the leg grew swollen and he sought treatment in Port Lavaca. By the second day he was critically ill, a spokesman at Citizens Medical Center in Victoria said.

"By the time he got here, vibrio had already infiltrated his blood system and he was in shock, which itself can be deadly," CMHC spokesman Melissa Furl said. Within days, both legs were amputated and he sank into a coma, she told the Houston Chronicle for its Saturday edition.

Creamer was one of several Houston-area residents stricken by the bacteria in Gulf waters this summer. A Bay City man who went fishing in the Laguna Madre and a Dayton man who vacationed in Freeport were successfully treated in late July for exposure to the vibrio bacteria.

Health experts said the bacteria is common in the Gulf and most prevalent in coastal and bay waters in warmer months. The bacteria can be ingested in contaminated seafood or absorbed through skin wounds.

The Centers for Disease Control, which has recorded vibrio-related illnesses and deaths since 1988, said a typical year brings 16 deaths along the Gulf Coast states.

The Texas Department of Health reported Friday that so far this year, there have been 31 illnesses caused by vibrio, including the seven deaths, four of which were caused by eating contaminated oysters.

# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Enslar back on stage

"Eve Enslar is going from "The vagina Monologues" to "The Good Body" — and bringing it to Broadway."

The writer-performer's latest rumination on the female form will open Nov. 15 at New York's Booth Theatre in New York for a limited 12-week engagement. Preview performances begin Oct. 22.

"The Good Body" deals with women's body issues, including what Enslar calls her own "less-than-flat, post-40s stomach." The solo show had a successful summer engagement at American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.

"The Vagina Monologues," which celebrates female sexuality while decrying violence against women, was one of off-Broadway's biggest hits, running for more than three years and touring around the country and the world.



Enslar

## Rockers in fashion

Beyonce Knowles, Rod Stewart and Usher will take the stage in a multidimensional media event that's part performance, part magazine and part museum exhibit to celebrate the relationship between fashion and music.

The Fashion Rocks event, created by the Conde Nast Media Group, includes a supersized concert — billed as "an extraordinary evening of style and sound" — at Radio City Music Hall on Sept. 8, the start of New York Fashion Week.

Andre 3000, Avril Lavigne, Mary J. Blige, Alicia Keys, Faith Hill, Hootie and the Blowfish and The Black Eyed Peas are also scheduled to perform.

A collector's magazine supplement on music's impact on fashion will be included in subscription copies of the October issues of 12 Conde Nast and Fairchild magazines including Vogue, V, Vanity Fair and Cargo.

There also will be a monthlong exhibition at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

## Summerrall returns to broadcast booth

Pat Summerrall is returning to an NFL broadcast booth, to work ESPN's coverage of the game between the Atlanta Falcons and Baltimore Ravens.

Summerrall, who had a liver transplant in April, will pinch hit Thursday night for Mike Patrick, who underwent bypass surgery. "I feel better than I have in 15 years," said the 74-year-old Summerrall. "It's an honor for me to be working with these guys."

Summerrall will work ESPN's four preseason games and hopes to do more games after that. "I feel well enough and love to do it," Summerrall said. He qualified for a transplant through blood tests that rank potential recipients anonymously. Meanwhile, ESPN producer Jay Rothman said Patrick's return is up to the broadcaster.



Summerrall

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NEW YORK **\$818~** 9/28-9/30

BANGKOK **\$408~** 8/30-9/16

LOS ANGELES **\$678~** 9/16-9/31

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MANILA **\$538~** 8/16-9/27 (MON-THU-FRI)

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# YOUR MONEY

## Weather surges on Web

By DAVE GUSSOW

St. Petersburg Times

Hurricane Alia has become a popular online hangout.

Instead of the usual 1,000-2,000 visitors on a typical day, [www.hurricanecenter.net](http://www.hurricanecenter.net) attracted 68,000 visitors Wednesday to track the progress of Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charley, according to Tom Berg, who runs the site.

Berg had to increase the bandwidth to handle all the visitors checking out maps, satellite photos, projected storm paths and other information. It was such a load that Berg placed a pitch for donations on the home page.

"We don't make any money," said Berg, 54, of Mobile, Ala., who started the site five years ago as part of a longtime hobby of watching the weather.

Even though it's only a hobby for Berg, his information is taken seriously.

Sixty-nine percent of Internet users visit weather sites, according to a Pew Internet & American Life Project survey.

In fact, three of the top four news and information sites ranked by Nielsen/NetRatings are for weather. And top-rated Weather.com draws more visitors than leading travel sites such as Expedia, Orbitz and Travelocity.

This view of Hurricane Charley was photographed by the crew of the International Space Station early Aug. 13, at a vantage point just north of Tampa, Fla. More and more people are using Internet sites to track weather conditions in the United States. According to a Pew Internet & American Life Project survey, 69 percent of Internet users visit weather sites on a regular basis.

ty, according to comScore Media Metrix.

Sites offer a range of information, from forecasts to radar to video. Some provide premium packages that send alerts by e-mail or phone and give users ad-free displays for a fee.

But when storms pick up, the Web sites can slow down as people go online seeking the latest information.

"When weather like this threatens, every measure of interest goes through the roof," said Tom Flournoy, vice president of product management for the Weather Channel and Weather.com.

Among the site's popular features are video feeds from the TV channel, so people at work without TVs can still keep up, Flournoy says. But people also seek the site's advice on topics ranging from how to protect a home to what to do with pets.

With an abundance of sites available, Berg suggests people rely on those with official information, such as the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center, and those that have a proven track record.

"I'm not official," he said. "I don't have access to all their business. That's why they get paid."

# The-saving way to store e-mails

Q. Is there a shortcut to saving Microsoft Outlook e-mail to a personal folder on your hard drive?

—Patrick King

A. Here's a trick I use to quickly take all the e-mail sent by readers, promoters, spammers and my superiors to the PC at my office and schlep them home for work there, Mr. K. It's just the ticket for you as well.

Open the folder where you want to store the mail, and then fire up Outlook and go to the list of messages. Make sure that you have clicked the Windows size box in the upper right-hand corner next to the X to show a single box instead of the default double boxes.

This makes it possible to use the mouse to move the whole Outlook display (and any other window as well) by dragging with the mouse.

So drag the Outlook display so that it is next to that open folder you want to use for storage. Now select the top message in the Outlook list and scroll down to the bottom of one. Hold down the Shift key and click that last note. This will point all the messages.

Now you can simply press the mouse while hovering over any of the painted lines and drag the whole kit and caboodle into the other folder.

In my case, I then plug a flash-memory thumb drive into the computer and drag the mail folder onto it. At home I simply open the folder, right-click inside it and pick View from the display that pops up. I move down to the item to show Details, and I get a list of messages, each with the subject line displayed.

I should add that one also can reverse the process and select all the messages in the folder and then drag them into the mail display in Outlook on the second computer. This lets you use all of Outlook's powers of searching to find needed messages. But it also

tends to clutter up one's mailbox, which is why I prefer to just keep them in a folder with subject lines displayed.

Q. I have a Dell laptop with Windows 2000 Professional, and Netscape is installed on the computer even though I use Microsoft Internet Explorer for my browsing and Outlook Express for my e-mail.

My problem is that when I click on a link in an e-mail, I go to that site via Internet Explorer, but if I then click on a link within that site, it opens Netscape.

How can I set this computer to use only Internet Explorer at all times?

—Hugh O'Hagan

A. Welcome to the default wars between Microsoft and Netscape, Mr. O. When one first runs Netscape, it is easy to read over a setup prompt that asks if you want to make Netscape the default browser that runs when you head out for the Web. Your machine is set to say, "Yes, make Netscape the default."

Microsoft has a typical, heavy-handed way to fix this. You just click on Tools in the Internet Explorer window. If Internet Explorer is not set as the default browser, you will find a selection to Reset Web Settings. Click there and Internet Explorer gets to be the default, and Netscape gets sent to the bench, where it must wait for you to call it back into the game.

If you do fire up Netscape, chances are that you will get asked to make it your default browser. This time say no. Then look for the "ask again" box that lets you stop getting that prompt each time you run Microsoft's leading computer browser.

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## FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES				
52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	% Chg
1,244.82	1,244.82	Dow Jones Industrial	9,823.59	+1.1
3,212.45	3,276.74	Dow Jones Transportation	2,866.92	-28.3
6,786.15	6,786.15	Dow Jones Utilities	283.17	+1.0
1,278.81	1,278.81	NYS Composite	1,278.81	+1.7
2,153.83	2,153.83	Nasdaq Composite	2,153.83	+1.7
1,163.23	1,163.23	S&P 500	1,163.23	+1.7
483.83	483.83	MidCap	483.83	+1.7
596.42	596.42	Russell 2000	596.42	+1.7
11,371.14	11,371.14	DJ Wilshire 2000	11,371.14	+1.7

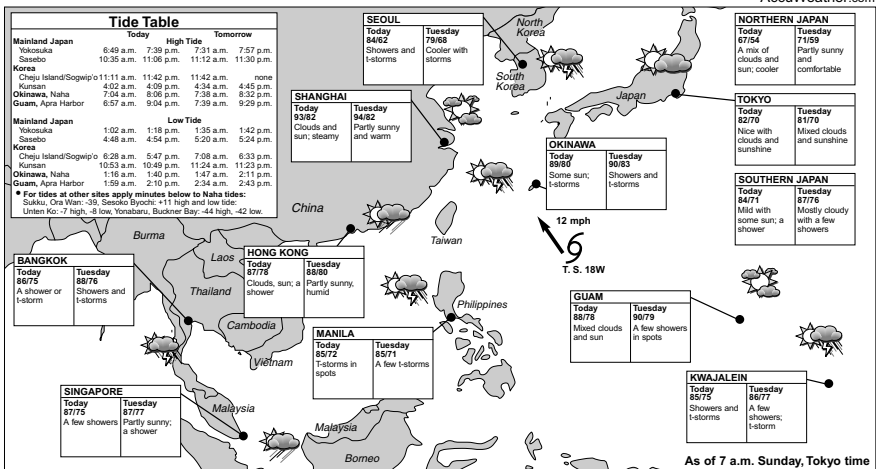
NYSE				
Most Active (\$1 or more)				
Alcoa	27,780	2,814	+5	+2
Amgen	26,987	15,58	-47	-30
Corning	2,204	9.55	-22	-22
EMC	21,568	5.1	-22	-22
Genentech	17,274	15.14	-14	-14
Johnson & Johnson	16,803	42.2	-3	-3
Medtronic	16,083	31.89	-28	-28
Novartis	16,083	31.89	-28	-28
Amgen	14,082	13.17	-28	-28
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Key Defense Stocks				
Name	Div P	Last	% Chg	YTD %
Alliant Techsystems	48	56.12	-12	-12
Airbus Holdings	10	56.12	-12	-12
Boeing	10	45.72	+29	+10
Lockheed Martin	10	45.72	+29	+10
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## The Pacific Forecast

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## Extended Forecasts

## TOKYO

Wednesday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 79.  
 Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 74.

## KADENA

Wednesday: Thunderstorms, high 91, low 83.  
 Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 92, low 83.

## SEoul

Wednesday: Thunderstorms, high 83, low 68.  
 Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 72.

## MANILA

Wednesday: Thunderstorms, high 84, low 73.  
 Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 75.

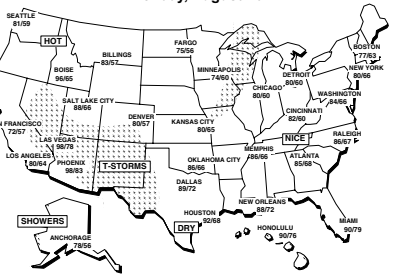
## HAGATNA

Wednesday: Thunderstorms, high 90, low 78.  
 Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 77.

## Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	83/60	Los Angeles	82/66
Amarillo	76/59	Little Rock	83/60
Anchorage	76/55	Louisville	79/59
Ashville	74/56	Miami	91/80
Baltimore	75/64	Milwaukee	69/54
Birmingham	82/59	Nashville	79/56
Bismarck	82/51	New York	80/68
Boise	84/65	Omaha	76/56
Boston	85/65	Orlando	90/75
Brownsville	93/70	Philadelphia	80/68
Buffalo	72/56	Phoenix	95/78
Burlington	77/56	Pittsburgh	73/58
Charleston, SC	85/70	Portland, OR	88/62
Charlotte	74/61	Portland, ME	81/62
Cleveland	71/54	Salt Lake City	93/67
Columbus, OH	75/56	St. Louis	78/57
Duluth	72/53	San Antonio	89/67
El Paso	87/64	San Diego	74/68
Hartford	81/64	San Juan	91/77
Helena	93/57	Tampa	85/76
Indianapolis	75/54	Tulsa	85/62
Jacksonville	86/72	Washington	76/66
Kansas City	79/55	Wichita	80/60

## Monday, August 16



## U.S. Extended Forecast

Unseasonably hot weather will remain across the Pacific Northwest Monday and Tuesday. Afternoon temperatures will soar into the 90s in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Daytime temperatures in the 90s and 100s will be common across California and Nevada. High pressure will keep the weather dry and pleasant in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. A cold front will spark thunderstorms over the northern Plains and the Midwest. Elsewhere, a slow-moving front will produce showers and thunderstorms in Florida and the Southeast. Thunderstorms will erupt in the afternoon heat across the Desert Southwest and southern Rocky Mountains.

## Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	86/75	Iwakuni	84/70
Beijing	72/62	Kadena AB	89/80
Camp Casey	85/63	Kansan AB	82/67
Christchurch	39/22	Kwajalein	85/75
Diego Garcia	77/72	Manila	85/72
Hagatna	88/78	Misawa AB	73/58
Hanoi	86/75	Osan	85/62
Hong Kong	87/78	Taipei	94/77
Honolulu	90/76	Pusan	79/69

## Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/77	Budapest	82/60	Kabul	105/67	Nairobi	77/51
Athens	79/60	Buenos Aires	59/43	Kiev	72/55	New Delhi	92/76
Auckland	50/38	Cairo	101/69	London	116/84	Oslo	71/49
Baghdad	114/78	Cancun	90/74	Madrid	71/53	Paris	69/51
Barbados	88/73	Cape Town	55/38	Rio de Janeiro	72/61	Rome	84/65
Barcelona	80/67	Geneva	81/58	Mexico City	78/60	St. Petersburg	68/49
Berlin	79/61	Islamabad	72/56	Montreal	83/71	Stockholm	70/54
Bermuda	84/72	Jerusalem	93/63	Mogadishu	83/71	Warsaw	76/61
Brussels	73/51	Johannesburg	69/43	Moscow	68/49		



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## OPINION

## Need to serve is lost on military's critics ...

BY JEFF BERGNER

In an interesting exchange at the Democratic convention, Michael Moore asked Bill O'Reilly whether he would sacrifice his son to capture Fallujah. The question caught my attention because our youngest son had just returned from discussing post-college options with a Marine recruiter.

This type of question is designed to be difficult to answer — and judging from O'Reilly's response, it was. This is because it is a rhetorical device and not a substantial question at all. This is true in four aspects.

First, it has the high standard of "sacrifice." No normal parent is prepared to sacrifice his child for any reason or objective, including military objectives. The same could be said of any desirable objective. Would you, for example, sacrifice your child to expand health care to the uninsured? Or even, in the customary example, to save the life of another one of your own children? It is hard to imagine any objective for which one would sacrifice one's child.

The question is more akin to a philosophy class exercise than a real-world moral dilemma. Service in the armed forces can be

risks, but it is not tantamount to a death sentence. Were service in the armed forces a certain route to the ultimate sacrifice of one's life, the armed forces would be small indeed. Maybe that is Moore's goal.

Second, the question is addressed to the wrong person. Many members of the armed forces have at least one living parent. All, however, are adult men and women in their own right. And it is they, not their parents, who choose to serve in the armed forces. The question that parents face is not whether to sacrifice their children but whether to support their children in the broad and often risky activities they must perform when they enter military service.

Third, the objective of Fallujah's pacification is too narrowly stated. Would anyone enlist for the specific purpose of keeping supply convoys moving into Baghdad? Or to open a road to a dusty town? Or to pacify a town or the occupants of a house? Or to be killed by friendly fire? Many young Americans have lost their lives in just such ways.

But these are tasks incidental to the larger purpose of military service: protecting the interests of the United States.

If Saddam Hussein's tyranny is replaced by a decent government;

if that new government becomes a working partner in changing the Middle East; and if this helps to prevent another major act of terrorism against the United States, are these not purposes that justify not blind "sacrifice" but at least a measure of personal risk? True, the purposes of U.S. foreign policy can surely be described far too grandly, but one can surely demand that they beyond recognition as well.

Finally, the question ignores the issue of consequences. We all know that the full consequences of our decisions are impossible to predict. So are the consequences of our indecisions. If there are risks and sacrifices entailed by action, there are also risks and sacrifices entailed by inaction. Was it not precisely the burden of the Sept. 11 commission to consider why not one asked young Americans to risk their lives in a serious mission to kill Osama bin Laden before Sept. 11, 2001? Michael Moore suggests as much when he allows that pre-emptive action to eliminate Adolf Hitler before World War II would have been justified. In retrospect, perhaps this case is easy enough. But would he have thought so in the 1930s? Would he not have joined the chorus of voices on both sides of the Atlantic



whose refrain was that Hitler was no threat at all, and definitely not an "imminent" threat?

We live in a world of occasional hard choices. Young adults must decide whether they will serve in the armed forces. Parents must decide to accept or support those choices. And policy-makers must make their best, if imperfect, judg-

ments about when to send young men and women into harm's way. In none of these choices does Michael Moore's question offer the slightest guidance.

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## ...but recruitment tactics downplay real dangers

BY G. JEFFERSON PRICE III

The Baltimore Sun

"Bait and switch" is one of the oldest techniques in the book for disreputable merchants trying to lure customers to their stores.

The merchant advertises an item at an unbelievably low price. That's the bait. It could be anything from a car to a TV set. But when the customer arrives in the store, the advertised item is no longer in stock, and the merchant sets about trying to persuade the customer to buy a more expensive model that just happens to be in stock. That's the switch.

And it's illegal.

This phony sales play came to mind recently when a recruiting brochure arrived at our house from the U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, Ky. It was addressed to my son, who just turned 21 and would be a prime candidate for the draft if there were one.

The brochure is very enticing. And seems especially directed at Hispanics. "The Army has a career waiting for you. Take the next step by saying Yo Soy El Army."

Here's what the Army offers: "The chance to qualify for 150 careers; guaranteed training in your chosen career; up to \$20,000 enlistment bonus; up to \$50,000 for college after you serve; 30 days of paid vacation earned each year; up to \$65,000 to pay back qualifying student loans.

You'll serve part time in the Army Reserve. Train near home, ready to serve full time if needed, and you'll receive ...."

The brochure then lists similar enticements at lower rates.

"Here's your chance to become whatever you want to be — a paratrooper, chef, medical specialist, journalist, whatever you can imagine.

Now that's some bait.

Imagine a young man or woman who can't go to college because it's not affordable and who can't get a job because the economy is

not producing enough jobs for the number of people entering the job market. Imagine how appealing this brochure from Fort Knox would be for that person.

The brochure has photos of people working at a couple of the 150 jobs the Army would train them for; one is of a medical technician; another is of a cook outfitted in a field kit. Why would an individual living with little hope for the future seize the opportunity for all that training and money? The asterisk for reservists meant me looking for an explanation.

That would be "Benefits based on qualifications. Information subject to change." That's in tiny print, the other merchandise's boon.

And it's a lie. Says nothing about the switch. It says nothing about what the Army's main job is these days. It says nothing about the danger that exists for someone entering the military today; the likelihood of being sent to Iraq or Afghanistan. It says nothing about needing to train individuals to kill or be killed in Iraq. In fact, the brochure

does not even mention the two main theaters in the war against terrorism.

As for the attraction of joining the reserves, it does not mention that up to 40 percent of the military serving in Iraq today are reservists, many of whom did not expect to go to war for such prolonged periods when they signed up. If they did not expect this, it might be because they were motivated to sign up by brochures such as the one from Fort Knox.

Don't get me wrong. It's unfortunate that mankind has yet to develop an alternative to brute force as the ultimate settler of disagreements. So we need a military. The armed services have a need and every right to recruit Americans. But let them be honest about it.

America is at war, and it needs young men and women to fight in that war. Joining the armed services with that in mind is an act of patriotism and valor. But there is no mention of patriotism or valor in the brochure. There is no mention of war. Instead, it suggests the Army is training a force of medical specialists, chefs and journalists. ...

The truth is that the draft should be reinstated so that every segment of the population is called to serve rather than the segment most likely to be lured to service by promises of jobs and training and education. That would drastically alter the political dynamics of sending people off to war, which is precisely why the draft is not to be reinstated. A greater cross section of the population in service is likelier to demand greater accountability and honesty.

Don't blame the Army, though, for engaging in some misleading advertising to attract men and women to serve.

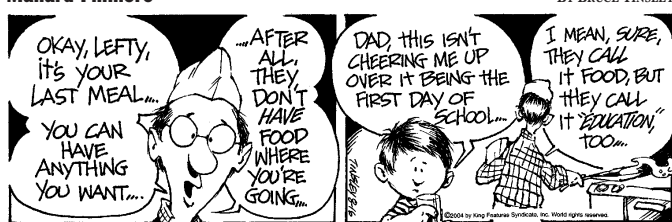
Bait and switch turns out to have been the very plot that the commander in chief and his secretary of defense — among others — used to get Americans into the war in Iraq.

... Osama bin Laden and his network are the real, credible and abiding evil. But somehow we got switched to Iraq, and we'll be paying the price for that switch for many years to come.

G. Jefferson Price III is the former Perspective editor of The Sun.

## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## Trout relocation

**CA** SACRAMENTO — The U.S. Forest Service on Wednesday rejected environmentalists' appeal of a plan to poison a stream south of Lake Tahoe to aid what wildlife officials call "the rarest trout in America."

Unless opponents sue, the decision frees the California Department of Fish and Game to seek a permit to clear non-native fish from 11 miles of Silver King Creek next month using rotenone, a toxic chemical.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Girlfriend run over

**NY** SYRACUSE — A man was convicted of second-degree vehicular manslaughter for driving drunk and running over his girlfriend following an argument.

An Onondaga County Court jury needed just 90 minutes Wednesday to convict Joseph Bertrand, 41, of Syracuse. The jury also found Bertrand guilty of criminally negligent homicide and driving while intoxicated in the Dec. 14 death of Michele Lozopone.

Bertrand faces a maximum sentence of 2½ to seven years in state prison when he appears before Judge Joseph Fahey on Aug. 30.

Lozopone, 42, died shortly after being struck by the car Bertrand was driving. Authorities said Lozopone had been riding in the car with Bertrand when the two began to argue. She got out and started to walk home when she was struck.

### Bible battle

**TX** HOUSTON — The court battle over a Bible at a monument outside a government building may not be over yet.

The Harris County attorney's office is studying whether it should seek court permission to continue displaying the Bible near the Civil Courts Building while appealing a judge's order to remove it.

A federal judge issued this week gave the county 10 days to remove the Bible from the monument. Ruling that the display violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment, Judge Sim Lake ordered the county to pay \$41,000 in court costs and attorneys fees in the lawsuit that contended the display of the Bible on county property was unconstitutional.

County Attorney Mike Stafford said even if a stay of Lake's order is not sought, the county will appeal his decision to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans and to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

### Rape conviction reversed

**FL** SHARPESS — A man who served 22 years in prison for rape was freed early Thursday after DNA evidence proved he was not the attacker.

Wilton A. Dedde, 42, walked out of the Brevard County Jail with his parents just hours after the test results, which had been ordered last month by a judge. The state Legislature in 2001 passed a law that allowed DNA retesting in older cases.

At two trials, the victim, age 17 at the time of the attack, testified Dedde as the man who slashed her with a knife and raped her twice in 1981. She had originally described her attacker as being 6 feet tall and

weighing 160 to 180 pounds. Dedde at the time was 5 feet 6 and about 125 pounds.

### Bird's long flight

**MA** EDGARTOWN — A rare red-footed falcon has been spotted on Martha's Vineyard, the first time the bird of prey has ever been seen in North America.

About 120 people rushed to Kata-ma Airfield in Edgartown on Wednesday to catch a glimpse of the slate-gray, juvenile male, which is thousands of miles from its normal summer home in Eastern Europe. Experts said the falcon was likely blown off course en route from its winter home in Africa.

"It's the biggest birding news in the last 10 years," said Vineyard birder Vernon Laux, who first spotted the falcon. "All indications are that a wild bird somehow made it across the Atlantic. It's like having a Martian walking around."

### Smoking mom nabbed

**VA** BOWLING GREEN — A Caroline County woman was due in court Thursday on charges she violated a court order that prevents her from smoking around her two children.

Tamara Silvius, 44, was barred from smoking around her children last August by Caroline Juvenile

and Domestic Relations District Judge John Thomas as part of her shared custody arrangement with her ex-husband.

She had already violated the order once, during a trip to South Carolina for Thanksgiving, when she taped plastic trash bags inside her car to keep the smoke from reaching her children, now ages 8 and 10.

For that, Silvius was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and was given a 10-day suspended sentence on the condition she not do it again.

She said the issue arose when she petitioned for full custody of the children in 2002 because of a series of 911 calls for domestic disputes at the home of her ex-husband, Steve Silvius, and his third wife.

When the custody issue came to court, Steve Silvius' attorney raised the problem of Tamara's excessive alcohol consumption.

"From there, it went to smoking," she said.

### Teen on death row

**TX** HOUSTON — A Baytown teenager on Wednesday was sentenced to death for killing his elderly neighbors.

Robert Acuna, 18, was convicted in the shooting deaths of James Carroll, 75, and his wife, Joyce, 74, last November at their home.

"He has evil in his heart," prosecutor Renee Magee told jurors as she urged them to return a death sentence.

But during the eight-day trial, prosecutors offered no explanation for why the Sterling High School junior killed the couple, stole their car and drove to Dallas.

Acuna, who was 17 at the time of the slayings, was arrested at a Dallas motel five days after the couple was found dead. At the hotel, police found the Carroll's car, some property from their home and a .38-caliber pistol.

### Prison parent program

**NH** NASHUA — Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Nashua has begun a three-year program to help children who have a parent in prison.

Jerry Grantham, the group's executive director, said 70 percent of children with a parent in prison end up behind bars. He said that while it costs \$25,000 to house an inmate for a year, it costs just \$1,300 to provide a child with a mentor.

The Nashua group will lead a statewide effort using a \$135,000 grant to help the conviction. The money is part of \$45 million in federal grants to provide mentors to children of prisoners.

### Child gang rape charges

**CO** AAURORA — Three men are accused of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl in what police describe as a gang rape.

Eduardo Alvarez-Williams, 45, and Martin Garcia-Ahaly, 21, were being held on \$150,000 bond. Domingo Lopez-Ahaly, 19, is still being sought. All are suspected of sexual assault on a child in prison.

The alleged assault happened when the girl said she was pulled into an apartment in a complex near an old Army hospital.



### Skating high

Preston Zalek, 17, of Woodbridge, N.J., attempts a transfer, as other skateboarders watch, at the skatepark at Kennedy Park in Sayreville, N.J.



### Awesome ride

Bryce Pedersen, of McCall, Idaho, jet skis on Payette Lake at Ponderosa Park in McCall while vacationing with friends from Portland, Ore.



### Rhino love

Imara, top, the Kansas City Zoo's 6-month-old rhinoceros nuzzles her mother after a birthday party that included an exercise ball present, the crowd singing "Happy Birthday" and free cupcakes.





**Bird on a wire** Birds flock around high-tension wires on City Island Park in Daytona Beach, Fla.



**Two brave souls** Noel Derillo and Jacqueline Pescatore, from the Philadelphia area, pose for photos behind cut-out figures in front of a boarded business in Key West, Fla., as Hurricane Charley approaches. The two said they are staying in Key West even though many tourists were told to leave.



**Searching for a monster** A large pontoon boat in the shape of a sea monster run by Brian Hirschli ferries tourists on a tour of Bear Lake, north of Garden City, Utah. The Bear Lake Monster has been talked about, debated and scouted since its first reported sighting in 1968.

## Candy criminal

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — It was sweet sleuthing for cops casting a candy crime.

They quickly caught the sweet tooth who made off with a box of Fifth Avenue candy bars early Monday.

A trail of candy bars led police to the front porch of a home in southeast Albuquerque, where they found Lawrence Jordan.

Jordan, a 20-year homeless man, faces commercial burglary charges for stealing a box of candy bars from a convenience store, according to a criminal complaint.

## Bar name offensive

**HI** HONOLULU — Buddha said, "Everything is changeable." And some Waikiki Buddhists would like to see the name of a local watering hole changed.

Local Buddhists have launched a letter-writing campaign to city and state government agencies to protest the name of the new Buddha Bar.

"In my letter, I said a Christian would find it offensive to see a Jesus Bar," said Poranee Nata-decha-Sponsel, president of the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists.

Buddhism is estimated to be the second largest religion in Hawaii after Roman Catholicism.

## Ballot nickname axed

**FL** ORLANDO — A judge axed Doug Guetzloe's plan to use his nickname on the primary ballot for the Republican state committee.

Circuit Court Judge Janet Thorpe ruled Tuesday that Guetzloe hadn't demonstrated a legal right to get the nickname "Ax the Tax" printed on the ballot in the Aug. 31 election.

Guetzloe never produced any evidence to indicate that people really call him by the name of his private corporation and two political action committees he chairs, said an attorney for Orange County Supervisor of Elections Bill Cowles.

## Farms falling out

**UT** OGDEN — A surging real estate market and soaring land prices have made farmland scarce in the northern part of the state.

The latest census shows 10 percent loss of farms in the area over a five-year period, more than three times the state average loss of 3 percent. Landholders sell off their property to real estate interests for lucrative prices — far more than they could fetch from farmers.

## Longer summer for kids

**TX** DALLAS — Classes won't start as scheduled for almost 700 students at a North Texas high school because of water damage and unsanitary conditions.

The power has been out at Wilmer-Hutchins High School since June storms and classes won't begin Monday, Superintendent Charles Matthews says.

District officials said Wednesday that the school is not fit for students. There are complaints of roaches, mold and falling ceiling

tiles from roof leaks.

The necessary repairs could take a week or longer.

## Not a model employee

**VA** RICHMOND — She's been praised for her punctuality and gets kudos for not complaining, but Ms. Downsize is no model employee: She's a mannequin.

It was about 10 years ago when two city architects acquired the mannequin from a downtown department store that closed in 1990s.

They named her Ms. Downsize because their office had lost a female receptionist to another department during a downsizing process. The two men still wanted someone to greet visitors, so they placed her on a seat in the foyer.

"She has been a great employee. She never complains. She's always on time," joked Richard C. Morse, a senior city architect.

## Rockford going global

**IL** ROCKFORD — The board of the Greater Rockford Airport Authority approved plans to build a \$650,000 customs and immigration facility for international flights.

The recently renamed Northwest Chicagoand Regional Airport at Rockford, 60 miles northwest of O'Hare International Airport, could offer relief from record flight delays there, officials said. It would process passengers from the Caribbean, Mexico and Europe, though it has not signed agreements with airlines to provide international service, officials said.

## Dogs in danger

**OR** PORTLAND — Police are investigating the discovery of about 60 pieces of sharpened metal shards in an off-leash area of a Portland park.

Officials think the shards may have been buried there to harm dogs. The incident comes a year after a dozen dogs were poisoned in Portland following a dispute over off-leash policies in the city parks. Police say they are looking at any possible connection between the cases.

## Rabies vaccine drop

**VT** BURLINGTON — Low-flying yellow planes will drop thousands of baits laced with rabies vaccine at the end of this month as part of Vermont's annual battle against wildlife rabies.

The flights will be based out of the Newport State Airport in Conventry. They're aimed at vaccinating raccoons, skunks, coyotes and foxes.

"Basically, we'll be flying from the Champlain Islands to the Connecticut River along the Canadian border and from Shelburne to Lyndonville," said Kathy Nelson of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services Division.

Nelson said the division plans to distribute about 400,000 baits this summer, at a cost of more than \$500,000. The Vermont Department of Health and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department will assist in the drop.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Horoscope

The Virgo moon pulls our attention to a microscopic level at times. While swimming in a sea of details, don't forget to take in the vast ocean view. It's a big world out there, and if we're too concentrated on our little part of it, we could miss the best experiences. Mercury's retrograde could be blamed for a social faux pas tonight.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(August 16)** In this year of just desserts, the venture you've put so much sweat and tears into will finally pay off! This month and next require you to switch into high gear, continuously biting off more than you can chew — you'll surprise yourself. Singles tie the knot in January. Couples share experiences that help them bond more closely that month, too.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Even though there are endless sources of wisdom available, you're looking for things to be spelled out exactly. But if the universe were really to thunder from the clouds, "Do this!" or "Do that!" would defiantly shake your list.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

This day is very much like wildfire season in the high-desert mountains — there's no question that the fires will start; it's just a question of when and where. So be ready to jump to alert, as you will be called to put the fire out.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Any way of playing gets to be a real bore. It's time for another of your famous "reincarnations." You're so skillful at changing into similar but fresh and exciting versions of yourself that people around you don't even notice.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You're the tower of strength now. A dear friend will probably reach out to you in some passive-aggressive way, letting you know how troubled he or she is. What this person is looking for is a little parental attention.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Like a child watching a singalong kiddie program with the bouncing

ball directing your words and timing. Sure, you're accomplishing something, but your heart is just not in it! It's time for a major interruption. Shake it up!

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Sometimes, you get a bad rap for being overly critical and having impossibly high standards. But are they really impossibly high? Nature is perfect — no one understands this as well as you do. Stick to what you want.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You're getting so entrenched in work that you're in danger of losing who you are and where you're going.

There's nothing quite like the comfort you feel around people who know you well. They'll bring you back to your roots!

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Continue to stay alert. People around you are trying their damndest to hide an agenda, but you're a spy one, and nothing gets by you. It's a terrific day for your finances because you respect your money.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're prepared for a few bumps in the road to progress, but nothing prepares you for the internal struggle you face when you're on the cusp of success. Push through! Take the time to reacquaint yourself with you.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Normally, a good competition is healthy, but now, you've got too much riding on your work for it to be a fair game. It may be appropriate to pull yourself out of a competitive situation. Concentrate on your own productivity.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your active lifestyle could cause an overload of nervous energy. This is an opportunity to learn more about how to take care of yourself. There's almost no stress you can't balance through exercise and nutrition.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

The whirlwind morning leads up to a surprisingly leisurely pace in the afternoon. You could possibly have time to go on the Internet and book travel plans or do catalog shopping. Have your contingency plan ready tonight.

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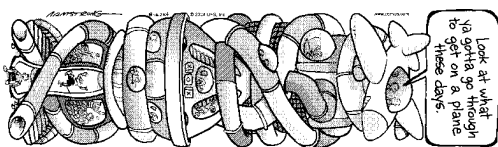
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## Calvin and Hobbes



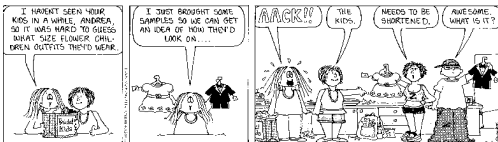
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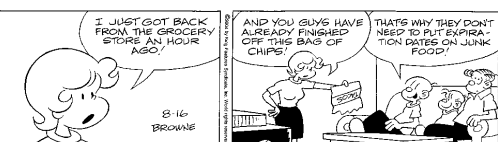
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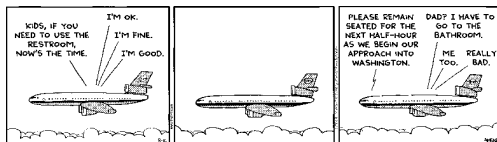
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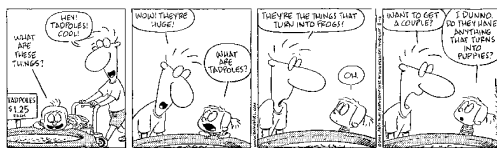
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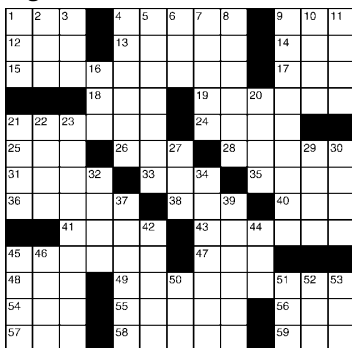
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

- 1 Throw into the mix  
4 Type of nose  
9 Despondent  
12 Floral wreath  
13 Bowl over  
14 Former first daughter  
15 Clinging strongly  
17 "Holy cow!"  
18 Trench  
19 Leave helpless  
21 Warning  
24 A Baldwin  
25 Past  
26 Starred  
28 Proclamation  
31 This follows "Que" twice  
33 Flood  
35 Acid  
36 Tract of wasteland  
38 Head of st.  
40 Where, to Caesar  
41 Beatnik's "groovy"  
43 Disturbing sounds  
45 With hands on hips  
47 First X or O?  
48 Writer Buscaglia  
49 Insolent  
54 Wildcatter  
55 "Lather —, repeat!"  
56 Put to work  
57 Foolish one  
58 Trees yielding a yellow-brown wood  
59 Uncivilized

## Down

- 1 Ht.  
2 Bitty — Williams  
3 "Gunga —"  
4 Relating to a people  
5 Left out  
6 Name in China's history  
7 California city  
8 Get snug and cozy  
9 Wise  
10 Congregational shout  
11 Went blond  
16 Mimic  
20 Cincinnati ball team  
21 Method of payment  
22 Screenwriter James  
23 Inattentive  
27 Used a shovel  
29 Rubik's baffler  
30 Speaker of baseball lore  
32 Teeny bit  
34 "I'd rather not talk about it"  
37 Capital of Tasmania  
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44 Here (Fr.)  
45 Plankton component  
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50 It may be recombinant  
51 "— Town"  
52 Dos Passos trilogy  
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## Answer to Previous Puzzle



8-16

## CRYPTOQUIP

SV TIKWW FDZFWN VZDSL  
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: CERTAIN BIRDS BUILD CLIFFSIDE NESTS. IT MUST MEAN THEY LOVE LIVING ON THE EDGE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals L

# 'Acting out' a difference of opinion

**Dear Abby:** I am 16 years old and a ward of the court.

I have a horrible social worker who never looks at any of the positive things I do. I have good grades and barely ever do anything wrong. Recently I have been doing things that they call "acting out." I am not acting out! At our last court appearance, her report stated that I'm a juvenile delinquent who is in need of serious help. I am consistently told by the people at the group home where I live that I am none of those things.

How do I tell my social worker that she needs to see the positive things I am doing and not just look at the negative? Please help me. I am going nuts. I need to know if I am or her.

— Confused in Redwood City, Calif.

**Dear Confused:** It's possible that the problem isn't all yours or all hers, but a combination of

both. The caseload social workers must manage these days is overwhelming, which means that, much as they might wish otherwise, they are often unable to give each client a lot of personal attention.

"Acting out" is misbehaving and expressing angry feelings in inappropriate ways. When a child is separated from home, school, family and friends, that's a good reason to be angry. However, if you and the people at your group home feel that the social worker is mistaken, then the administrator should write a letter to the court explaining that.

fact, I'm sure the judge would take it into consideration. (I know I would.)

P.S. — If the social worker thinks you need "serious help" — which I assume to mean psychological counseling — go for it. Almost everyone can benefit

from having a trained person listen to his or her concerns, pains and problems. It is considered to be a huge benefit, not a punishment.

**Dear Abby:** What is the rule of etiquette concerning guest lists that include both friends and co-workers? Does one have to invite all co-workers to a private/personal function, or can a select handful of co-workers be invited?

— Needs Advice, Latham, N.Y.

**Dear Needs Advice:** Much depends upon the size of your office. If many co-workers you plan to ask, and what percentage will be excluded. If you invite only a few co-workers, it's important that you not offend the rest. This can be accomplished by keeping the invitation private, separate from work, and confidential.

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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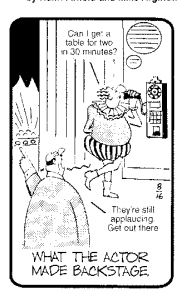
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Saturday's Jumbles: TYING FUDGE SOIREE MARTYR

Answer: When the police chief announced his crime crackdown, his remarks were — "ARRESTING"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

# Depression comes in many forms

**Dear Annie:** Eight years ago, my son's father shot himself in front of me. I was five months pregnant at the time. I went for counseling, but it didn't seem to help, and lately, it has been bothering me a great deal.

My son has begun asking questions about his father and how he died.

I don't know what to tell him. I feel he is too young for the vivid details. However, his constant questions make me irritated and impatient. I am married to a wonderful guy, and it is unfair to my son and my husband that I have these "mood swings." My problem is not their fault.

A friend suggested I may have post-traumatic stress syndrome. Is there anything I can do about it?

— Unhappy in Virginia

**Dear Virginia:** You may indeed be suffering from delayed-response post-traumatic stress disorder. You witnessed a

## Annie's Mailbox



horrifying event, and your son's questions remind you of it. Ask your doctor to recommend a therapist who can properly evaluate you. Treatment can include psychotherapy and medication. For more information, call the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Alliance (pstalliance.org) at 1-877-507-PTSD (1-877-507-7873).

**Dear Annie:** I am compelled to respond to "Concerned Mom," whose son, "Danny," suffered from depression, and she thought he was getting worse. She asked if he should go visit him, even though her husband said it was interference. Thank you for telling her to trust her gut.

Last year, I was depressed. I thought I hated my job. I became withdrawn and sad, and grew very confused. I was a doctor and began taking antidepressants, but I didn't get better. My condition deteriorated to the

point where I couldn't get out of bed. I thought I was losing my mind.

After months of decline, I finally was diagnosed with a large brain tumor. I now know that the symptoms of a brain tumor can often mirror that of depression. My mother was the one who flew 2,000 miles on a mission to get to the bottom of my condition. Thank God she did.

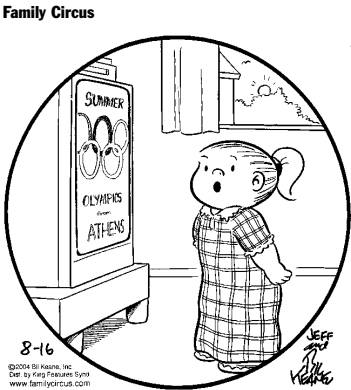
Annie, tell your readers who are depressed also to have a complete physical. I am now on my way to a full and complete recovery. I pray the same for Danny.

— Getting Better in California

**Dear California:** Thank you for reminding our readers that depression can mask other physical symptoms that need treatment. Bless your mother for intuitively knowing that her child needed her, and for taking the necessary action.

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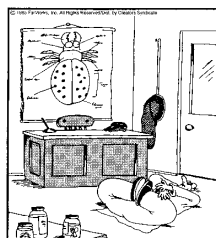
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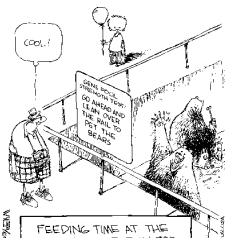
## Dennis the Menace



## Non Sequitur



## Feeding Time



"MR. WILSON HAS ONLY ONE MOOD... AND THAT'S BAP!"

How entomologists pass away







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New York Giants running back Ron Dayne breaks through the line to run 29 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter against the Kansas City Chiefs on Friday night at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

## Brady outshines Owens, Dillon

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — On a rainy Friday night when controversial stars made their debuts with new faces, Terrell Owens with Philadelphia and Corey Dillon with New England, two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady was steady in a 24-7 win over the Eagles.

In his first game since the Patriots' second championship in three years, Brady went 3-for-4

for 31 yards and a touchdown. He left the exhibition opener after two series and

Roban Davey, recently chosen offensive player of the year in NFL Europe, threw two scoring passes, improving his bid to move up to the No. 2 quarterback spot in his third season with the Patriots.

The Eagles lost the last three NFC championship games and how Owens, acquired from San Francisco, can get them beyond that.

He caught three passes for 14 yards and fans booed all three times. After each one, he walked calmly back to the huddle, silencing some of the flamboyance that followed some catches with the 49ers — once autographing a football on the field after scoring a touchdown.

Owens and Donovan McNabb played the first four series and left after the Eagles' first possession of the second quarter. McNabb was 6-for-11 for 32 yards, no touchdowns and no interceptions.

Dillon, often at odds with management during seven seasons with Cincinnati, had five runs for 23 yards.

Giants 34, Chiefs 24: The

much-anticipated home debut of Eli Manning was upstaged by other once highly regarded New York Giants first-round draft pick.

Ron Dayne showed flashes of his Heisman Trophy days, scoring on runs of 29 and 67 yards, and Jesse Palmer, television's "The Bachelor," threw a game-winning 11-yard touchdown pass with 6:32 to play. The win in Tom Coughlin's preseason debut as coach wasn't pretty.

Trent Green and the Chiefs gained 311 first-half yards and scored on four of five possessions in shredding the Giants' rebuilding defense. If they'd stayed in, the game would not have been close.

Manning, the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft by San Diego and then traded to the Giants, played about two quarters with mostly a back-up crew. He was 7-for-13 for 91 yards after getting a big ovation when he took over from Kurt Warner (3-for-7 for 49 yards) in the second quarter.

The big story for the Giants was the revival of Dayne, who was inactive for all 16 games last season despite being healthy.

**Saints 23, Jets 13:** T.O'Sullivan made the most of his second NFL appearance, completing 10 of 13 passes for 141 yards as the Saints' reserves beat the Jets' backups in New Orleans. O'Sullivan, who played for Division I-A California-Davis and was the second-highest ranked quarterback in NFL Europe this spring, made his only other NFL appearance in a 2002 preseason game.

Saints quarterback Aaron Brooks was on the sideline with a tender quadriceps.





## Armstrong plans to ride again in France

By JIM VERTUNO  
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lance Armstrong says he'll ride in at least one more Tour de France. But at 32, even he knows that retirement may not be far off.

So then what? The six-time winner of arguably the world's most grueling sporting event will eventually have to find something else to stoke his competitive fires.

"I need to do something. Golf won't do it," Armstrong joked at a news conference before a parade and concert in his honor in downtown Austin on Friday night.

"I've got some friends who ride," he said, "but I don't think they would want to be that punching bag."

He might not have to leave racing. Armstrong said once he racks his bike for good, he'd like to keep his hands in it.

"It would make me very proud to be able to retire and stay involved in a program and continue



Lance Armstrong

to win the Tour with somebody else," said. "Use my experience and time on a bike to help another person."

He suggested Ukrainian stand-out Yaroslav Popovych, who recently signed a three-year deal with Armstrong's newly sponsored Discovery Channel team, could be that rider.

"We think he's a rider of the future in the Tour de France," Armstrong said.

"We think it's tough right now to find another American to win the Tour. We think we have strong Americans who can contend or win stages, but we need to find someone who can win the tour. At 24 years old... we think he's that guy."

Popovych has two top-five finishes in the Giro d'Italia (2003-2004).

## Payton's no-show forces alteration to Lakers-Celtics deal

The Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — A multiplayer trade between the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics was amended Friday after Gary Payton refused to report to Boston for a physical by a deadline, the Lakers said.

A Celtics spokesman said Boston had agreed in advance to waive the requirement that Payton undergo a physical exam on Friday.

"The team waived his physical as part of the amended trade," Celtics spokesman Bill Boniewicz said. "It [the physical] obviously became moot as part of this deal."

The amended trade will give Los Angeles 6-foot-8 forward Juane Jones instead of guard Marcus Banks, and Boston will no longer be required to give up its second-round draft choice.

Lakers spokesman John Black said the trade had to be amended because it was contingent on all players reporting to their new teams for physicals by Friday afternoon.

Gary Payton refused to go to Boston and do that, Black said.

Boston waived the Payton contingency, and in consideration the Lakers agreed to switch terms of the deal, he said.

The Celtics expect Payton to report for training camp Oct. 4, Boniewicz said.

**Forward Jefferson signs new contract with Nets**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Forward Richard Jefferson has

### Sports briefs

Jefferson, currently in Greece as a member of the U.S. Olympic team, agreed to the deal last week and the Nets announced on Friday that he had signed it. He would have become a restricted free agent after next season.

Jefferson averaged a team-high 18.5 points and 38.2 minutes a game last season. Jefferson also averaged 5.7 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 1.1 steals a game, and appeared in a career-high 82 games.

Jefferson's signing came just weeks a series of roster moves that left the team without forward Kenyon Martin and shooting guard Kerry Kittles.

### IBF middle champ Hopkins wins lawsuit against promoter

DENVER — A federal judge has awarded IBF middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins \$1.79 million in damages in a breach-of-contract lawsuit against his former promoter.

U.S. District Judge John Kane also ordered American Presents, Ltd., Hopkins' promoter in the late 1990s, to pay Hopkins' attorney fees, according to court documents made public Friday.

Hopkins was sued by the Colorado-based promoter in February 1999 after Hopkins sought to end their relationship. The case ended in a mistrial in April 2000 and Hopkins countersued.

## Yokosuka clinches first place

### Yokota falls from first to third after 28-0 setback

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — What Yokosuka lacked on offense, Leon Howell made up for on defense and special teams.

The comeback/return specialist ran back two Yokota punts for touchdowns and took an interception 101 yards for a score on the last play of the Seahawks' 28-0 shutout of the Raiders on Saturday at Berkeley Field.

At Atsugi Naval Air Facility's Reid Memorial Stadium, Misawa routed Atsugi 47-6, creating a three-way tie for first place between the Seahawks (4-2), Raiders and Marauders, who each beat each other once during the regular season.

Based on the league's second tiebreaker — point differential in games between the three tied teams — Yokosuka surged to its fifth straight U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League regular-season title and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Yokosuka hosts Atsugi Sept. 4 in one semifinal, while Misawa finished second. Yokota, which held the top spot throughout the regular season, fell to third place.

The Raiders travel to Misawa to play the other semifinal, with the Sept. 4 winners to square off in for the championship in the Torii Bowl on Sept. 11.

**Yokosuka 28, Yokota 0:** "I'm relishing the moment," Seahawks coach Isaac Lee said.

Yokosuka faced a tough task, made tougher by Misawa's victory over Atsugi. Starting the day in third place, the Seahawks needed to beat Yokota by 18 points to set up second place or win by 23 to capture the regular-season title.

Lee said his mind was foremost on the game in front of him, rather than the point differential.

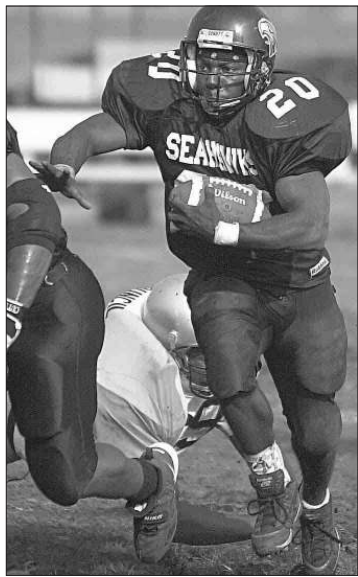
"I knew we had to go out and play well just to beat them, first thing," Lee said of the Raiders, who beat Yokosuka 14-10 in the season opener. "We didn't give up the big plays that we did the first time."

The Seahawks extended their winning streak to three games after losing two of their first three.

"It's good that these kids bounced back. We could have folded at 1-2," Lee said.

Howell keyed Yokosuka's biggest victory of the season. He returned second-quarter punts 92 and 55 yards to set the Seahawks ahead 20-0 at halftime.

Robert Trisby opened the scoring by catching his sixth TD pass of the season, an 8-yarder from Alvin Johnson. Gary Hicks led 2½ sacks, running back leading total to 11½. Andrew Mitchell added three sacks and Thomas Curry intercepted a pass.



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

**Yokosuka running back Roy Roberts carries the ball during the Seahawks' 28-0 victory Saturday at Yokosuka's Berkeley Field. Yokosuka will host Atsugi in a USFI-AFL semifinal playoff game on Sept. 4.**

Yokota, which lost its second straight, had its chances. The Raiders didn't even need to beat the Seahawks to keep first place and home field, only to lose by fewer than 13 points.

But a third-quarter touchdown pass was called back by an ineligible-receiver penalty. The defense later had Yokosuka backed to its 2-yard line, but two personal foul penalties got the Seahawks out of the hole.

With one last chance to score, from Yokosuka's 6-yard line, Raiders' quarterback Jacob Dowdell threw to the corner of the end zone, but Howell intercepted the pass and ran it back 101 yards in state run out.

"We misfired in a lot of areas,"

Yokota coach Ricardo Young said. "We were confident going into the game. It was minor mental mistakes, nonsense penalties ... that got us into the hole. But we didn't execute and it came back to hurt us."

**Misawa 47, Atsugi 6:** For the Marauders, the task was simple: Win and guarantee themselves at least second place and the right to host a semifinal, or lose and finish third.

"We were a bit antsy waiting on word from the other game. But we had no control over the other game. We couldn't do anything about it," Misawa assistant coach Thomas Mangan said. "It was interesting, stressful, but that's OK."

Misawa led 21-0 at halftime. With darkness approaching, and Atsugi well behind, officials went to running time in the third quarter before ending the contest with seven minutes left.

League-leading rusher James Coleman racked up 197 yards on 21 carries, including TD runs of 17, 2 and 6 yards. Fullback John Pappas ran seven times for 79 yards, with touchdowns of 22 and 21 yards. James Garcia added scoring runs of 12 and 21 yards.

Atsugi scored in the third quarter on a 60-yard pass from Josh Bush to Kenneth Morris.

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### USFI-AFL

Final regular-season standings (listed in order of playoff seedings)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Yokosuka	4	2	0	.667	178	62
Misawa	4	2	0	.667	178	62
Yokota	4	2	0	.667	178	62
Atsugi	0	6	0	.000	18	252

### Saturday's games

Misawa 47, Atsugi 6
Yokosuka 28, Yokota 0

### End regular season

### Postseason

Saturday, Aug. 28
Azalea Bowl, USFI-AFL All-Stars vs. Asahi Silver Star (Japan X-League) at Kawasaki Stadium, 4 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 4

Semifinals
Yokota at Misawa, 2 p.m.
Atsugi at Yokosuka, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 11
Torii Bowl

Semifinal winners, time and site to be determined.

# Major League Baseball scoreboard

## American League

East Division	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	41.1	0
Boston	67	36.1	7.0
Baltimore	56	29.1	17.1
Seattle	46	24.1	27.1
Toronto	48	24.1	26.1

Central Division	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	63	32.1	0
Chicago	55	27.1	7.0
St. Louis	46	23.1	16.0
Chicago	46	23.1	16.0
Kansas City	41	20.1	21.0

West Division	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	64	31.1	0
Seattle	53	26.1	5.0
Anaheim	53	26.1	5.0
San Diego	47	23.1	11.0

Friday's games	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox @ Boston	W	53.1	0
Cleveland @ Minnesota	L	46.1	7.0
N.Y. Yankees @ Seattle	L	41.1	21.0
St. Louis @ Kansas City	L	41.1	21.0

Saturday's games	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore @ Toronto	L	41.1	21.0
N.Y. Yankees @ Seattle	L	41.1	21.0
Kansas City @ Oakland	L	41.1	21.0
Chicago White Sox @ Boston	L	41.1	21.0
San Diego @ Texas	L	41.1	21.0

Sunday's games	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore (Cabrera 9-4) @ Toronto (Bash 13)	L	41.1	21.0
Minnesota (Mullins 3-4) @ Boston (Dorbin 5-4)	L	41.1	21.0
Tampa Bay (Soxa 3-1) @ Texas (Domingu 6)	L	41.1	21.0
Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-0) @ Cincinnati	L	41.1	21.0
N.Y. Yankees (Kibrown 9-2) @ Seattle (Johnson 8-0)	L	41.1	21.0
St. Louis @ Detroit (Johnson 8-0)	L	41.1	21.0
Kansas City (Greinke 4-9) @ Oakland (Zito 8)	L	41.1	21.0

Oakland @ Baltimore	L	Pct	GB
Toronto @ Texas	L	41.1	21.0
Cleveland @ Boston	L	41.1	21.0

## Friday

### Orioles 4, Blue Jays 0

BALTIMORE	L	Pct	GB
Bjork 5/1	5.0	25.1	0
Newlin 5/1	5.0	25.1	0
Ortiz 5/1	5.0	25.1	0
Tajeda 5/1	5.0	25.1	0
Almon 5/1	5.0	25.1	0
Surhoff 5/1	5.0	25.1	0
Bigbee 5/1	5.0	25.1	0
First 5/1	5.0	25.1	0

Toronto	L	Pct	GB
Zaun (7) DP-Baltimore	W	53.1	0
LoB-Baltimore 12, 3B-Bobcats (13), White (27) SS-Toronto	W	53.1	0
LiB-Rios (7)	W	53.1	0

IP	H	R	BB	SO
Baltimore	6	5	0	16
Bjork	1	0	0	2
Ortiz	1	0	0	2
LiB	1	0	0	2

MAJORITY L-8	L	Pct	GB
Douglas	2	2.2	2.2
Polson pitched to 1 batter in the 7th	2	2.2	2.2
T-2-43, A-21,234 (50,598)			

## Indians 8, Twins 2

MINNESOTA	L	Pct	GB
ShWitt 4/0	4.0	19.1	0
Gorm 5/0	5.0	19.1	0
Ortiz 5/0	5.0	19.1	0
Minnau 1B	4.0	19.1	0
Johnson 4/0	4.0	19.1	0
Johnson 4/0	4.0	19.1	0
Hibino 3/0	3.0	19.1	0
McCoy 3/0	3.0	19.1	0
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Indians 8, Twins 2			
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IP	H	R	BB	SO
Minnesota	2	6	6	10
Guerrero	1/2	3	2	2
Crain	1/2	0	0	0
Stanton W-2	7	2	2	14
RiW-2	2	2	2	1
T-3-43, A-30,101 (43,399)				

## White Sox 8, Red Sox 7

CHICAGO	L	Pct	GB
RAIM 3/0	3.0	15.1	0
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Unbe 2/0	2.0	15.1	0
Knomo 1B	3.0	15.1	0
Johnson 4/0	4.0	15.1	0
Cervit 4/0	4.0	15.1	0
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IP	H	R	BB	SO
Chicago	2	6	6	10
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Crain	1/2	0	0	0
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RiW-2	2	2	2	1
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**White Sox 8. Red Sox 7**

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Guerrero	1/2	3	2	2
Crain	1/2	0	0	0
Stanton W-2	7	2	2	14
RiW-2	2	2	2	1
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ROYALS 10, Athletics 3	L	Pct	GB
Dejus 5/2	5.0	25.1	0
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TEXAS	L	Pct	GB
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# Royals rookies have a grand time vs. A's

## Nunez and Buck combine to foil Mulder's bid for his 16th victory

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — When the bases were loaded, Abraham Nunez and John Buck showed the experienced Oakland Athletics exactly what to do.

The pair became the first rookie teammates to hit grand slams in a game in at least 47 years and Mike Wood pitched six innings to lead Kansas City over the Athletics 10-3 on Friday night.

"I'm never going to forget that."

It was my first one," Nunez said. "I knew I hit it good and that it had a chance."

Nunez hit his first career homer with the bases loaded off Oakland ace Mark Mulder in the sixth and Buck matched the feat in the eighth with his first slam off Jairo Garcia.

Buck and Nunez became the first duo to hit slams in a game since the rookie rule went into effect in 1957. It was the first time two Royals hit slams in a game.

"It was one of those at-bats where I went up there and saw the first pitch and told myself 'I saw it good, hit it up the middle,'" said Buck, who was in an 0-4-21 slump. "When you're struggling, you tend to think too much."

Wood (2-4) was making his first career start against the A's, who defeated him in the 10th round of the 2001 draft then dealt him on June 24 in a three-team trade that sent star center fielder Carlos Beltran from the Royals to the Astros and brought closer Octavio Dotel to Oakland from Houston. Buck also was part of the swap.

Wood, who had lost his past four decisions, matched zeros with Mulder until the sixth.

After Nunez's slam, the Athletics loaded the bases in the bottom half but scored just once.

"It's very rewarding," Wood said of beating his former franchise. "Maybe there's a little regret they let me go. Ever since

they drafted me, it was my dream to pitch for those guys."

The Athletics loaded the bases again in the seventh and came up empty against reliever Shawn Camp.

Mulder (15-4), trying to become the majors' first 16-game winner, lost at home for just the second time in 13 starts. He was tagged for seven runs and eight hits in seven-plus innings, struck out five and walked two.

**Indians 8, Twins 2:** Ben Broussard homered for the second straight night and the host Indians won their fifth straight to pull within two games of AL Central-leading Minnesota.

Scott Elarton (2-2) had his finest start of the season and Cleveland roughed up Minnesota early in the first of 13 games remaining between the clubs. He went seven innings, allowing two runs on seven hits. Carlos Silva (10-8) lasted just two innings, his shortest outing of the season.

**Yankees 11, Mariners 3:** Ruben Sierra hit a grand slam and drove in five runs and Jon Lieber (9-7) pitched eight innings. Bernie Williams hit a three-run homer and Jorge Posada a solo shot for visiting New York.

Ron Villone (4-3) gave up eight runs and 10 hits.

**Orioles 4, Blue Jays 0:** Sidney Ponson and three relievers combined on a five-hit, leading visiting Baltimore to its 10th victory in 11 games. Ponson (8-12) allowed five hits while striking out six and walking one in six-plus innings. B.J. Ryan got out of a jam in the seventh, Jason Grimsley pitched a perfect eighth and Jorge Julio worked the ninth to complete Baltimore's fifth shutout of the season.

Blue Jays starter Miguel Batista (9-8) pitched six scoreless innings before Baltimore scored twice in the seventh.

**Rangers 5, Devil Rays 3:** Laynce Nix and Alfonso Soriano each homered and Kenny Rogers (14-5) earned his 14th victory as Texas dealt visiting Tampa Bay its 13th loss in 14 road games.

Nix, 3-for-21 in his past seven games, hit a two-run homer in the second off Rob Bell (5-6). Soriano added a solo shot in the fifth.

Rogers allowed three runs and seven hits in 5½ innings.

**White Sox 8, Red Sox 7:** Aaron Rowand hit two home runs, the second a tiebreaking shot in the seventh inning, to lead visiting Chicago past the Red Sox. Jose Contreras (10-5) earned his first career win over the Red Sox. Tim Wakefield (8-7) lost it.

**Tigers 5, Angels 3:** Craig Monroe drove in the go-ahead run with an RBI single in the ninth inning, leading Detroit over the host Angels.

Brian Lince broke out of a long slump by going 4-for-4 with three RBIs in the Tigers' first victory at Anaheim in 12 games.

Esteban Yan (2-3) allowed two runs and four hits in two innings, but picked up the victory. Troy Percival (2-3) took the loss.



Detroit's Carlos Pena scores as Anaheim catcher Josh Paul mishandles a throw in second inning Friday night.

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Alfonso Soriano is welcomed back to the Texas bench after hitting a home run against Tampa Bay.



# Singh, Leonard lead assault on docile Whistling Straits

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

HAVEN, Wis. — From top to bottom, the PGA Championship delivered some major drama on Friday.

The two best players battled across Whistling Straits until Vijay Singh wound up in a share of the lead and Ernie Els settled in one shot behind.

The No. 1 player fought just to make the cut.

"I gave it everything I had," Tiger Woods said after three birdies over his final six holes spared him the embarrassment of going home early for the first time in 129 tournaments and the first ever as a professional in a major.

Desperate to end an 0-for-18 streak in the majors, Singh kept his mistakes to a minimum on another mid-day along the shores of Lake Michigan, shooting a 4-under 68 to join Justin Leonard atop the leader board.

Despite blunders on the par 5s, Els and Darren Clarke stayed right on their heels.

Briny Baird also was one shot behind, wireless in 102 starts on the PGA Tour, which makes him a perfect candidate to win the final major. Thirteen of the past 16 winners in the PGA Championship had never won a major, and three had never won on tour.

By the time thousands of fans staggered off the sand dunes lining the fairways on the final day course, they surely anticipated what figured to be a wild weekend with so much at stake for so many players.

For Singh and Els, a chance to supplant Woods as No. 1 in the world.

■ For Leonard and Chris DiMarco, hopes of making the Ryder Cup team.

■ For Woods, a shot — albeit a long one — to end his 0-for-9 drought in the majors.

The leader board was loaded with big names, all of them on top of their games on a Whistling

**Tiger Woods made two birdies on the final three holes Friday to finish 36 holes one shot under the cut line of 1-over par.**

Straits course that again failed to scare them, despite playing all of its 7,514 yards.

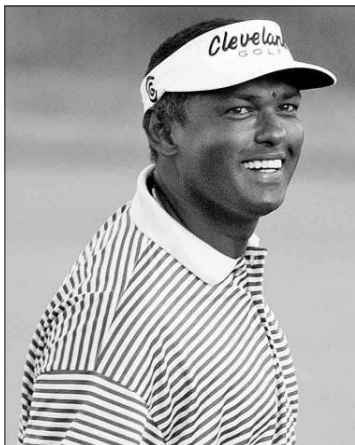
Leonard, who must win to have any chance of making the Ryder Cup team, holed a couple of 25-foot birdie putts in a solid round of 69 that put him at 9-under 135 and in the final group Saturday with Singh.

Els had control of the tournament with four birdies on his first 10 holes to reach 10-under, but he let it slip away with a couple of wayward drives on the par 5s, making bogey on both of them for a 70.

Clarke was among four players tied for the lead at one point late in the round, despite misunderstanding his caddy and aiming at the wrong television tower on the par-5 11th, leading to a comical journey through some of Whistling Straits' 1,400 bunkers and giving him a double bogey.

He wound up with a 71 and was at 136 with Els and Baird (69).

And while Woods was lucky to simply stick around, he wasn't counting himself out at even-par 144.



Vijay Singh has not won a major since the 2000 Masters, but has seven top-10 finishes in the 18 Grand Slam tournaments since then.

## Leader board



Justin Leonard	-9
Vijay Singh	-9
Briny Baird	-8
Darren Clarke	-8
Ernie Els	-8
Chris DiMarco	-8
Stephen Ames	-6
K.J. Choi	-5
Padraig Harrington	-5
Chris Riley	-5

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"The leaders didn't go too far away," he said. "Hopefully, I can shoot one of the scores they shot and put myself back in the ballgame."

Even so, the guys he is chasing seem to be playing a different game.

Singh, who has struggled the past two years when paired with Woods, beat him by eight shots in the opening round and showed him how to get it done again on Friday. He kept the ball in play off the tee, making his only two bogeys when his drives strayed into the bunkers and tall fescue. And he looks silky with the putter.

Despite winning eight times in the past two years and again leading the PGA Tour money list, Singh has let chances slip away in the majors. He last won one in the 2000 Masters.

"I've been in position to win majors, but I haven't finished the job," he said. "I feel my game is coming around because my putting has improved. This is another opportunity."

It's also another chance for Leonard in the PGA. He was tied for the lead going into the final round at Winged Foot in 1997 but lost by five to Davis Love III. Two years ago at Hazeltine, he had a three-shot lead on Sunday and shot 77 to finish tied for fourth.

"I tend to learn more in failure than I do in success," Leonard said.

## USC starts in familiar position

By RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

Southern California will begin defense of its first national title in 31 years as the No. 1 team in the nation.

The Trojans earned the top spot in the preseason Associated Press poll released Saturday by receiving 48 of 65 first-place votes and 1,603 points.

It's the first time since 1979 the Trojans are preseason No. 1 and the fourth time overall. They also started No. 1 in 1963 and '73.

Oklahoma, which was No. 1 for most of last season before losing its final two games, was No. 2 with 11 first-place votes and 1,529 points in the media poll. Heisman Trophy winner Jason White leads the Sooners.

No. 5 Florida State and No. 6 Miami open the regular season against each other on Sept. 6.

The Trojans enter the season with a nine-game winning streak.

The Trojans return only nine starters from last year's team that set Pac-10 records for touchdowns (68) and points (534). Matt Leinart, who threw for 3,556 yards and 38 touchdowns in his first season as a starter, directs an offense that is lacking only in experience.

## AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2003 records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and final ranking.

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Oklahoma (11)	12-1	1,603	3
2. Oklahoma State (9)	12-1	1,529	3
3. LSU (5)	13-1	1,446	3
4. Auburn (5)	13-1	1,446	3
5. Florida State (10)	11-2	1,397	11
6. Miami (10)	11-2	1,267	5
7. Texas Tech (10)	11-2	1,267	5
8. Michigan (10)	10-3	1,273	6
9. Texas (10)	10-3	1,273	6
10. West Virginia (9)	8-5	937	24
11. Southern Cal (10)	9-4	944	24
12. Kansas (8)	11-4	763	15
13. Florida (10)	10-3	763	15
14. Tennessee (8)	10-3	658	19
15. Clemson (10)	10-3	658	19
16. Virginia (9)	8-5	627	21
17. Auburn (10)	8-5	562	21
18. Missouri (10)	10-3	513	8
19. Utah (10)	10-2	446	21
20. Wake Forest (10)	10-2	446	21
21. Oregon (10)	8-5	300	30
22. Minnesota (10)	10-3	142	35
23. Iowa (10)	10-3	142	35
Receiving votes: Louisville 25, Nebraska 12, N.C. State 76, Memphis 56, Boise State 34, Fresno State 13, Oklahoma 51, Arizona 12, Texas Tech 6, Georgia Tech 5, Miami (Ohio) 4, South Carolina 4, Kansas 3, Texas A&M 3, Virginia Tech 3, Connecticut 1, North Texas 1, Notre Dame 1, Penn St. 1.			

## Request for delay denied in Bryant case

By JON SARCHIE

The Associated Press

DENVER — Jury selection in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case is still on track to begin this month after the judge denied prosecutors' request for an indefinite delay in the trial.

The state, however, won a partial victory Friday when District Judge Terry Ruckelshaus handed down two other rulings that limit or prohibit potentially damaging testimony about the accused's mental health, purported suicide attempts and use of drugs or alcohol.

Bryant has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault and has said he had consensual sex with a woman at the Vail-area resort where she worked. If convicted, the 25-year-old player faces four years in jail in prison or 20 years in jail on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000.

Legal analysts say the favorable rulings could be

of little use because an earlier ruling allows the defense to introduce evidence about the woman's alleged sexual activity around the time of her encounter with Bryant. Prosecutors have appealed that ruling to the Colorado Supreme Court.

"Keeping out her drug or alcohol or psychiatric records doesn't give you another good fact, all it does is say there's some bad facts that aren't going to come in," said Larry Pozner, former president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

In another development that complicated prosecutors' task, attorneys for the accused filed a civil lawsuit against Bryant in federal court earlier this week. Defense attorney Pamela Mackey said in a filing made public Friday that the lawsuit showed the woman was pursuing a false allegation in "the hope of a large monetary award."

Prosecution spokeswoman Krista Flannigan said prosecutors planned to go to trial as scheduled. Jury selection is scheduled to begin Aug. 27.

## Steelers' Batch out for year

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers backup quarterback Charlie Batch underwent season-ending

## NFL briefs

knee surgery and was placed on injured reserve Friday.

Batch, in his seventh NFL season, had soreness in his knee this week and doctors found damage during an MRI on Thursday.

The Steelers signed quarterback Kurt Kittner to replace Batch on the roster.

Kittner, entering his third NFL season, spent the past two seasons with the Atlanta Falcons.

Kittner was to be with the Steelers in Denver for the preseason opener Saturday night.

## Bills CB Thomas out with broken bone in hand

PITTSBURGH, N.Y. — Cornerback Kevin Thomas cracked a bone in his left hand and is expected to miss the Buffalo Bills' preseason opener against Denver on Sunday.

Coach Mike Mularkey said Friday that he doesn't expect Thomas to be out for an extended period. Thomas was hurt during practice Thursday.

Thomas is a two-year veteran competing with Terrence McGee to be the team's third cornerback.

## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## U.S. routs New Zealand in women's basketball

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The U.S. women's basketball team routed New Zealand 99-47 in its Olympic opener Saturday. Five Americans scored in double figures, turning it on after a slow start.

## Olympic briefs

Favored to win its third straight gold medal, the United States extended its Olympic winning streak to 18. Devin Cash, playing her first game in the Olympics, led the Americans with 19 points. Angela Martino led New Zealand with 13.

The United States led 63-24 at half-time and later opened a 55-point lead. "I felt the margin could have gone up to 80," said New Zealand coach Tom Maher. "I'm grateful that my players were able to cut it to 40."

Sheryl Swoopes led U.S. starters with 14 points and Lisa Leslie finished with 13 — plus nine turnovers. Diana Taurasi had 12 points and nine rebounds and starter Tina Thompson added 11 points.

The U.S. team went without starting guard Katie Smith, who was sidelined by a bruised right knee. She hasn't practiced since the WNBA season ended July 31 and it's uncertain when she'll play.

## U.S. women blank Brazil in soccer

THESSALONIKI, Greece — Run

ragged and thoroughly outplayed for most of the game, the U.S. women's soccer team escaped with a victory that set off warning bells in its quest for gold.

A fortuitous foul set up Mami Hamm's penalty kick in the 38th minute, and Abby Wambach scored on a thrilling run in the 77th on Saturday to give the United States a 2-0 victory over Brazil on a day when most of the speed, energy and creativity belonged to the Brazilians.

The victory secures a U.S. berth in the quarterfinals, although that's hardly an achievement given that eight of the 10 in the Olympic tournament advance. The Americans can clinch their group — and the high seeding that goes along with it — with a win or a tie against Australia in their final first-round match Tuesday.

However, Wambach, who has 16 goals in 17 games, will not play against the Aussies. Wambach received a yellow card for a foul on Elaine in the 49th minute, giving the U.S. forward two yellow cards in the first round and triggering an automatic one-game suspension.

## U.S. men romp through qualifying in gymnastics

ATHENS, Greece — The U.S. men's gymnastics team threw down a challenge to favorites China and Japan on Saturday, beginning the quest for its first Olympic medal since 1984 with a romp in qualifying.

The United States' score of 230.419



Brazil's Monica, left, battles American Abby Wambach during Saturday's match.

points was four-tenths higher than Romania, the reigning European champs and winners of the first qualifying session.

China and Japan competed in the final session.

## Softball team routs Italy

ATHENS, Greece — Jennie Finch didn't allow a hit in three innings, and the U.S. softball team began its run toward a third straight gold medal on Saturday with a shortened 7-0 victory over Italy in its tournament opener.

Natasha Watley went 4-for-4, hitting a two-run double in the fifth inning to put the United States up by seven runs, invoking the mercy rule that ended the game.

Three-time Olympian Lisa Fernandez had an RBI single as the U.S. team extended its winning streak to 71 games.

## Two Greek stars suspended for missing drug test

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Star sprinters Kostas Kentaris and Katerina Thanou were suspended Saturday from the Greek Olympic team for missing drug tests, but their fate was left in the hands of the International Olympic Committee.

The Greek committee's seven-member board removed the athletes pending a decision by the IOC in a hearing Monday. The sprinters' coach, Christos Tsikos, was also suspended.

The case has shamed Greece and overshadowed the opening of what was supposed to be a triumphant showcase of national pride and achievement at the Athens Games.

Making the situation worse, police are investigating a suspicious motorcycle accident that put the two in the hospital Thursday night just hours after drug testers failed to find them in the Olympic Village. The runners sustained cuts and bruises, and were to be released Monday.

Kentaris, the reigning 200-meter champion, is the country's most celebrated athlete and was its top hope for a gold medal in track.

Thanou, the 100-meter silver medalist in Sydney four years ago, is his training partner.

Greek committee president Lambis Nikolaidis said he wanted the sprinters to be expelled immediately but was out-voted.

Tsikos, who attended the meeting, said he and his runners hadn't broken any rules.

"There is nothing for us to be afraid of," he said. Michalis Dimitrakopoulos, a lawyer representing Tsikos and the sprinters, called the decision a one-day "compromise" until the IOC hearing.

"Our champions are clean," he said. "There has been no violation of the doping regulations. They have nothing to hide. They have done nothing wrong."

## Australia's Thorpe takes gold in event he failed to qualify for

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Ian Thorpe of Australia won a gold medal in the Olympic race he almost didn't get to compete in, edging countryman Grant Hackett in the 400-meter freestyle Saturday night.

American Klete Keller won the bronze.

Thorpe touched the wall first in 3 minutes, 43.10 seconds, well off his world-record time, but enough to win 400 gold for the second straight Olympics. Hackett took silver in 3:43.35, while Keller, of Phoenix, claimed the bronze with an American record of 3:44.11. The American finished third in the same race four years ago at Sydney.

Thorpe came into the Olympics with the eight fastest times ever, including the world record of 3:40.08 in the Commonwealth Games two years ago. But he was fortunate just to race in the event in Athens.

In the Australian trials, he inexplicably fell off the starting block and was disqualified. He got to race his favorite event only after teammate Craig Stevens gave up his spot.

Thorpe's primary challenger was Hackett, a distance star heavily favored in the 1,500 free. He was fastest during the morning prelims, earning the prime

lane position with a time of 3:46.36.

But Hackett couldn't overtake the Thorpedo in the final.

Another American, 18-year-old Larsen Jensen of Berkeley, Calif., took fourth in 3:46.08. The reigning silver medalist, Massimiliano Rosolino of Italy, finished fifth.

## U.S.A. Thompson denied ninth relay gold

ATHENS, Greece — Jenny Thompson lost out on a record-tying ninth Olympic gold medal Saturday night, giving up the lead on the final lap as Australia won the 400-meter freestyle relay with a world-record time.

Thompson, who has won all eight of her golds in relays, anchored the U.S. team and dove into the water ahead by nearly 0.4 seconds after Amanda Weir seized the lead on the third leg.

But the greatest relay swimmer in U.S. history couldn't hold it.

Jodie Henry passed Thompson after they made the final turn nearly in unison, touching the wall in 3 minutes, 35.94 seconds to break the mark of 3:36.00 set by the Germans two years ago.

Kara Lynn Joyce and Natalie Coughlin swam the first two legs for the Americans.

The Australian team also in-

cluded Alice Mills, Lisbeth Lentz and Petria Thomas. But it was Henry who did the bulk of the work, swimming nearly a second faster than Thompson with a stunning time of 52.95 for the final 100.

Thompson swam her 100 in 53.77, the best of the American swimmers and enough to give the team a national record of 3:36.39. The Netherlands took bronze in 3:37.59.

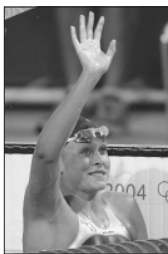
The Americans won the event in the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Olympics, with Thompson swimming the anchor leg each time. This was their first loss since the 1988 Seoul Games, when they settled for bronze.

## Ukraine's Klochova holds off Sandeno in 400-meter IM

ATHENS, Greece — Yana Klochova of Ukraine won her second straight 400-meter individual medal in the Olympics, holding off American Kaitlin Sandeno by just the length of a hand Saturday night.

The two swimmers made the final turn in virtually a dead heat, but Klochova got to the wall first to become the first two-time Olympic winner of the women's 400 IM.

Klochova, the world-record holder, took gold in 4 minutes, 34.83 seconds — just 12-hun-



American swimmer Kaitlin Sandeno waves to the crowd while winning the silver medal in the 400-meter individual medley.

dreths of a second ahead of Sandeno.

Sandeno, of Lake Forest, Calif., claimed an American record with her time of 4:34.95 and improved two places from her performance in Sydney, where she finished fourth as an Olympic rookie.

Georgina Bardach of Argentina claimed the bronze in 4:37.51.

Katie Hoff, the 15-year-old who swims at the same North Baltimore club as Michael Phelps, failed to make the final and vomited after her morning heat, primarily because of nerves. She finished 17th after swimming the second-fastest time by an American when she won the event in the U.S. trials.

## Phelps: 1 down, 7 to go

PHELPS, FROM BACK PAGE

During the medal ceremony, Phelps seemed a bit baffled about where he was supposed to stand before getting his award, though he'll probably have plenty of practice over the next week.

He climbed the podium and leaned over to have a gold medal draped around his neck and an olive wreath placed on his head.

During "The Star-Spangled Banner," Phelps removed the wreath and held it over his heart — much like he would a baseball cap — and quietly mouthed the words.

"I was sitting back enjoying how happy he was," Bowman said. "I don't think I've ever seen him that happy."

Phelps said all along that one gold would make him happy. He sure seemed to mean it as he strolled around the deck, proudly holding up his medal as he posed for photographers.

"My goal is right here," he said, showing off the medal yet again. "I'm perfectly happy. Coming in, I said I wanted one gold medal, and now I have one gold medal."

But, in all likelihood, there are seven more to go, and Bowman already was looking ahead. Next up: the 400 free relay on Sunday.

## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## Italian wins road race as taunted U.S. team withers

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Italy's Paolo Bettini pulled away in the final 100 meters to win the men's cycling road race Saturday, while one of the deepest groups of American riders in an Olympics failed to reach the medals stand.

Bettini, his arms outstretched and pumping, went and blew kisses to the crowd after making a desperate surge past Portugal's Sergio Paulinho, who led much of the final lap around the 8.2-mile circuit.

A former World Cup champion who built his training for the year around this race, finished the 139.4-mile test in 5 hours, 41 minutes, 44 seconds. Paulinho was one second back, Belgium's Axel Merckx, son of the cycling great Eddy Merckx, was another seven seconds back in third.

U.S. men's road squad, with four accomplished international riders on the five-man roster, was paced by Tyler Hamilton's 18th place finish. At various times after the race's midpoint, three Americans — Bobby Julich, Levi Leipheimer and Hamilton — each rallied with the lead, yet none got to the front.

George Hincapié, a teammate of Lance Armstrong in each of the Texan's last six Tour de France victories, finished 24th, along with Hamilton, 14 seconds behind Bettini.

No U.S. men's rider has ever won a medal in the road race in a fully attended Olympics. Alex Grewal won gold at Los Angeles in 1984, when the Eastern Bloc boycotted.

Defending champion Jan Ullrich of Germany, bidding to become the first back-to-back winner of the event, finished 19th, the final medal back with Hamilton and Hincapié.

Bettini and Paulinho entered the 17th and final lap late-by-side, with approximately a 15-second edge on their pursuers. They exchanged the lead several times, before Paulinho made a strong move at the start of the final straightaway. Bettini, however, came right back and held on.

## Diving

**Men's synchronized 10-meter platform:** Tian Liang, and Yang Jinghui won the first of what is expected to be a large haul of diving gold medals for China with a score of 383.88.

Peter Waterfield and Leon Taylor of Britain took the silver and Australia's reigning world champions Matthew Helm and Robert Newbery won the bronze.

**Women's synchronized 3-meter springboard:** Wu Minxia and Guo Jingjing of China won with a score of 336.90.

Yana Klopotova and Irina Lashko of Russia won silver and Irina Lashko and Chantelle Newbery of Australia won bronze.



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**Bobby Julich, front, and Tyler Hamilton of the United States ride the Parthenon in the men's cycling road race in Athens, Greece, on Saturday. Hamilton was the top American, finishing in 18th place.**

## Fencing

**Men's individual sabre:** Italy's Aldo Montano rallied to defeat Zoltan Nemeskür of Hungary 15-14 in Saturday night's saber final.

Keethi Smart, the top American fencer, lost in the round of 16. Montano trailed by four points early in the gold-medal match, but came back to take the lead at 12-11. Nemeskür tied it 12, and the finalists split the next four points, setting the stage for a deciding touch.

Ivan Lee, who like Smart is from New York and first learned fencing at the Peter Westbrook Foundation, defeated Gianpiero Pastore of Italy 15-9 in his opener, but then had to face four-time gold medalist Stanislav Podkolosny of Russia. The Russian dominated the bout, taking 12 of the first 16 points. He won 15-9.

Jason Rogers of Los Angeles lost 15-3 in the round of 32.

## Judo

**Men's 60kg:** Tadahiro Nomura of Japan won a historic third consecutive gold medal, beating Nestor Khlerpiani of Georgia in the final.

Choi Min-ho of South Korea and Tsagaanbaatar Khushbaatar of Mongolia shared the bronze.

**Women's 48kg:** Japan's Ryoko Tani won the gold medal, defeating Kherpiani's Frederique Jossinet. The bronze medals went to Julia Matijass of Germany and Feng Gao of China.

## Shooting

**Women's 10-meter air rifle:** Li Du of China won the Games' first gold medal, setting an Olympic record.

Li scored 10.6 on her final shot, surpassing Liubov Galkina of Russia. Galkina had led throughout the round, but got only 9.7 on her final shot — her lowest mark. Katerina Kurkova from the Czech Republic won the bronze.

Li's overall score of 502 points set an Olympic record.

Sgt. Spc. Hattie Johnson tied for 14th with 394.0 points. Emily Caruso was the top American finisher, coming in ninth with 396.0 points.

**Men's 10-meter air pistol:** Wang Yifu got China's second gold medal, winning on the final shot.

Russians Mikhail Nestruev and Vladimir Isakov took the silver and bronze.

Wang finished with an Olympic-record 699 points.

Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski was the top American finisher. He tied for 13th place with 579.0 points.

## Weightlifting

**Women's 48kg:** Turkey's Nurcan Taylan pulled off a huge surprise in the first weightlifting event, turning a world-record lift into an upset of heavily favored Li Zhuo of China in the 105½-pound weight class.

The loss was a stunning start for China's women's weightlifting powerhouse, whose assistant coach had predicted a sweep of all four events it could enter. The bronze medals went to Julia Matijass of Germany and Feng Gao of China.

Defending gold medalist Tara Cunningham of the United States wasn't a factor, dropping the bar on her left leg on her second lift en route to finishing 11th of 14. Thailand's Aree Wirathaworn won the bronze.

## Olympics scoreboard

## Saturday's scores

## Women

Australia 85, North Korea 73  
China 71, South Korea 54  
United States 47, New Zealand 47  
Brazil 128, Japan 62  
Russia 62, Spain 60

## FIELD HOCKEY

Czech Republic 7, OT  
Netherlands 6, South Africa 2  
China 3, Japan 0  
Australia 2, Argentina 4, Spain 0

## SOCCER

South Korea 1, Mexico 0  
Argentina 2, Tunisia 0  
Australia 5, Serbia-Montenegro 1

## Women

United States 2, Brazil 0  
Mexico 1, China 1 tie  
Australia 1, Greece 0  
Nigeria 1, Japan 0

## SOFTBALL

Australia 4, Japan 7  
United States 7, Italy 0, 5 innings  
Canada 2, Taiwan 0  
China 5, Greece 0

## Men's Handball

Spain 31, South Korea 20  
Hungary 31, Egypt 28  
Slovenia 29, Germany 18  
Croatia 24, Serbia-Montenegro 24  
France 31, Brazil 17

## Women

Germany 3, Cuba 2 (20-25, 24-26, 25-22, 25-15, 17-15)  
Dominican Republic 0, OS-17  
China 20, Russia 15  
Greece 3, Kenya 0 (25-7, 25-22, 25-14)  
Russia 24, China 14  
China 3, United States 1 (25-21, 23-25, 25-22, 25-18)

## Cycling

## Men's Road Race

Paolo Bettini, Italy, 5:41:24, 1 second  
Sergio Paulinho, Portugal, 5:41:45, 1 second  
Axel Merckx, Belgium, 5:41:52, 8 seconds  
Erik Zabel, Germany, 5:41:56, 12 seconds

2. Andrej Hauptmann, Slovenia, same time  
3. Roger Handberg, Norway, same time  
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## Women

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## Women's 48 Kg Semifinals

Ryoko Tani, Japan, 10-10  
Frederique Jossinet, France, 10-10  
Germany, 10-10, Yoko Shino-gata, 10-10

**Bronze Medal Contest**  
Julia Matijass, Germany, def. Maria Kargiolak, Greece, 10-10  
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## Gold Medal Contest

Ryoko Tani, Japan, def. Frederique Jossinet, France, 10-10

## Shooting

## Men

1. Yifu Wang, China, 690.00, 690.0  
2. Mikhail Nestruev, Russia, 685.00, 685.0  
3. Vladimir Isakov, Russia, 680.00, 680.0

4. Tanyu Kirilov, Bulgaria, 683.00, 683.0  
5. Jin Jong, South Korea, 682.00, 682.0  
6. Kim Yong, North Korea, 682.00, 682.0

7. Norayr Bakhtamyan, Armenia, 682.00, 682.0  
8. Kim Jong, North Korea, 682.00, 682.0

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## 10m Air Pistol

1. Yifu Wang, China, 690.00, 690.0  
2. Liubov Galkina, Russia (339), 102.50, 502.5  
3. Katerina Kurkova, Czech Republic (388), 102.11, 501.1

4. Yvonne Han, China (102), 102.00, 499.5  
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## First gold record a hit

## Phelps begins Olympic quest with world-best time

By PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Michael Phelps wasn't taking any chances.

The night before, he fired up by watching the movie "Miracle."

While on deck at the Olympic pool, he had Eminem's "Till I Collapse" blaring in his headphones. Before climbing atop the starting block, he stared down the 50-meter strip of water.

"I was more ready for this," Phelps said, "than I've ever been."

Now the first gold's out of the way. He's an Olympic champion — just like Mark Spitz.

Phelps began his quest to overtake Spitz's 1972 record haul of seven gold medals with a dominating performance in the 400-meter individual medley, breaking his own world record Saturday night and claiming the first U.S. gold medal of the Athens Games.

It was a rousing start to the much-anticipated Olympic swim meet. Before the night was done, Ian Thorpe won his second straight gold in the 400 freestyle — a race he got into only through the generosity of an Australian teammate — and Jenny Thompson was denied her record-tying ninth gold medal when she gave up the lead to Australia on the final leg of the 400 free relay.

The Aussies got the upper hand in their spirited swim rivalry with the Americans, winning two of the night's four races. But the powerful U.S. team claimed five medals in all, more than any other country after the first of eight days at the sweltering outdoor pool.

Phelps and teammate Erik Vendt got things started with a 1-2 finish. Phelps touched the wall in 4 minutes, 8.26 seconds, while Vendt was more than 3½ seconds behind but good enough for silver at 4:11.81.

Phelps is just getting warmed up. He will likely swim in eight events, giving him a chance to break Spitz's record at the Munich Games.



Michael Phelps swims to a gold medal in the 400-meter individual medley at the Olympic Aquatic Centre during the Olympic Games in Athens on Saturday. Phelps set a world record of 4 minutes, 8.26 seconds.

So far, Phelps is following the script of the greatest swimmer in Olympic history: All seven of Spitz's wins were in record time.

"I'm a little bit less nervous," said Phelps, 19, of Baltimore. "I've got one off my shoulders and can relax a little bit."

Phelps was clearly locked in as he strolled on deck with a towel around his neck, using it to wipe down the starting block. He

stripped off his warmup suit, took off his headphones and didn't even look up when his name was called.

"He seemed like he was pretty intense," said Phelps' coach, Bob Bowman. "Mentally, he knows what he's up against."

The first gold was easy enough. Phelps had a body-length lead after the butterfly, stretched it to more than three seconds during

the backstroke and cruised to victory in the breaststroke and freestyle.

His only challenger was the wall. After touching the wall, Phelps turned quickly toward the scoreboard to see his time — 0.15 better than the record he set last month in the U.S. Olympic trials.

After a moment of apparent disbelief, he swam across a couple of lane ropes to give Vendt a hug.

## Medal count

Leading medal winners in the 2004 Olympics through 13 medal events on Saturday:

Country	G	S	B	Total
China	4	1	1	6
Australia	2	1	2	5
Italy	2	0	0	2
Japan	2	0	0	2
United States	1	3	1	5
Ukraine	1	0	1	2
Turkey	1	0	0	1
Russia	0	3	1	4
Hungary	0	1	1	2
Britain	0	1	0	1
France	0	1	0	1
Georgia	0	1	0	1
Portugal	0	1	0	1

Italy's Bettini  
rides to victory

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Australia's Thorpe  
strikes gold

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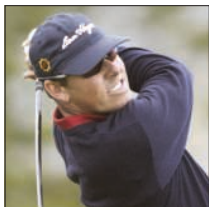
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"We have one main goal, and that's to emerge as the most dominant Olympic men's team in history," Vendt said. "When he saw I got second, it seemed he was more excited about that than his own race. It just shows the kind of guy Michael is. He's a team player."

SEE PHELPS ON PAGE 30

Leonard, Singh  
rise to top of  
PGA Championship  
leader board;  
Woods keeps  
cut streak alive  
but trails by nine

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Braves'  
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